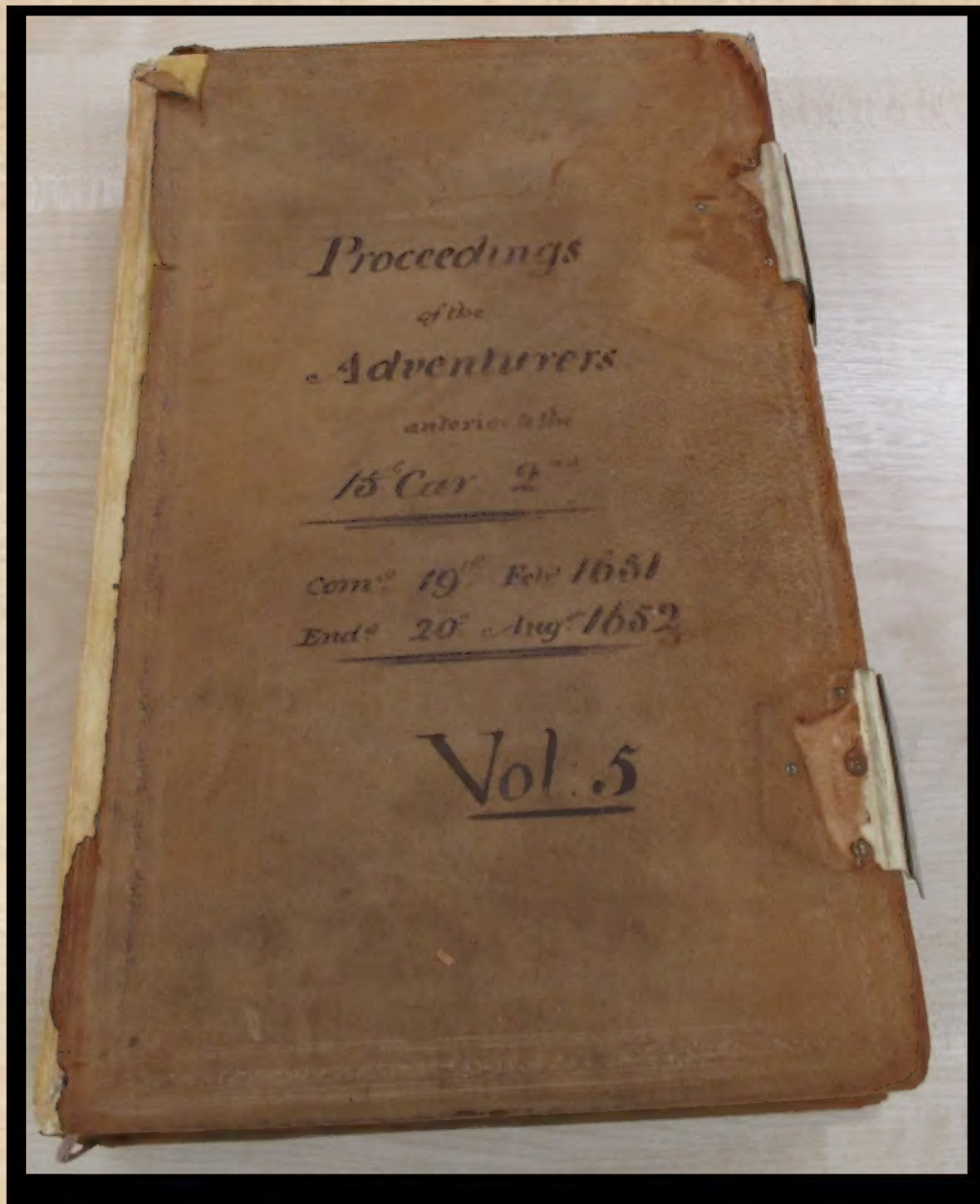


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Preface

This document is a full transcription of the *Proceedings of the Adventures* for the period February 1651 to September 1652. The original document is held by the Cambridgeshire Archives in Ely (Reference: KBLC/2/1/4).

The entries are ordered by date and paragraph number for each date. Where possible the original spelling has been retained except in a few cases where the meaning of the word would be hard to distinguish by a modern reader. Modern punctuation has, however, been added to make the text more readable (comma and full stops).

Entries in bold – e.g. **[Page 3]** show the original page numbers.

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Date	No	Text
19/02/51	1	[Page 1] Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Thomas Hampson, Mr Castell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford
19/02/51	2	Whereas diverse thinges are to be acted in the Country in order to the obteyninge of a judgement, and previous thereunto the Companie desires and appoints Mr Hamond and Colonell Robert Castell forthwith to goe into the Country; there jointly or severally to doe and acte such thinges as they and the committee appointed by the order of the twenty of January last, or any too of them, shall agree upon and thinke fitt to bee done, and the Companie does desire that Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood would bee assistant unto them in the business aforesaid.
19/02/51	3	Mr Thurloe and Mr Latch, beinge amongst others appointed by the order of the 20th January last to consider of what mappes were fitt to be made for satisfyinge the Commissioners, did this daie report to the Company that they doe find it of necessity that too mappes be forthwith made immediately [Page 2] to conteyne a description of all the workes made eyther by Francis late Earle of Bedford and his Participants or since by William now Earle of Bedford and his Participants and also the severall rivers, meeres and rivulets that were the occasion of the former drowninge of the levell, and likewise a description of the adjacent Countries, and the other mappe must conteyne a description of the severall Adventurers proportions in relation to one another and the Countrey, and to this ende they conveye it necessary that Mr Moore, the Companies surveyour, doe forthwith repayre into the Country, there by his owne view, by advise with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, and by such other meanes as hee can enforme himselfe, hee may perfecte the same, both which mappes they conceive are to bee readie by the 10 th of March next, which report beinge read to the Companie they doe approve thereof and order that Mr Moore doe forthwith repayre into the Country to perfecte the mappes according to the said report and that Mr Palmer doe assist him therein.
19/02/51	4	Whereas the affayres of the Companie, to bee dispatcht betweene this and the tenth of March next, does require the spetiall care and serious consideration of some perticuler persons who will apply themselves wholly thereunto, the perticuler whereof are remayninge with the committee appointed by the order of the twentieth of January last for preparing thinges for an adjudication, the Companie does desire that Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Adams and Mr Gorges or any two or more of them to take into consideration the said perticulers remayninge with the said committee, who are hereby desired to communicate the same unto them and, upon consideration had of such perticulers as the said committee shall deliver them and of such other thinges as they shall conveye conducinge to the good of the Companie in the point of an adjudication, that they would put all thinges in such good order and method for the managinge of the same, both here and upon the place, as in their discretions they shall thinke fitt, and they are desired to meete at nyne a clocke on Friday next at Mr Henleyes howse.
21/02/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Bladwyn Arthur, Mr Crane, Mr Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard
21/02/51	2	[Page 3] Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Best touchinge some damages hee sustayned by certaine tymber suffered to lye in Downham Parke longer than by contracte it was to remayn whereupon, it is ordered the Colonell Robert Castell and Mr Hamond bee desired to take into consideration the whole contents of the said

letter, a copy whereof is to bee sent unto them, and they are to examyn what damage was done to the said Mr Best and to examyn who had the lopps and topps of the said tymber and the bancke thereof, and to certifie what was the quantity of tymber and what contracte was made with Christianne for the same. And they are desired to make report to the Companie how they finde the same.

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| 23/02/51 | 1 | Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Draper, Mr Thomas Thyme, Mr Thurloe, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Carrill, Mr Trenchard, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Page, Mr Allen |
| 23/02/51 | 2 | Whereas Mr William Crane enformed the Companie that the some of £310.03.09 purchase mony to bee paid for 709 acres of Sir Myles Sandys in the 13th lott lyeth in the handes of Mr William Edwards of Wisbech and is ready to bee paid upon perfectinge the assurance, now for as much as the Companie doe conceive fitt that the money should remayne in regard they have occasion to make use thereof in the Country, it is ordered that, upon a receipt of a letter from the said Mr Edwards of so much money in his handes received of Mr John Crane of Cambridge for the use of the Companie, and that hee will paie the same as the Companie shall by any order directe, and there upon Mr Jessop is to give a receipt unto the said Mr Crane of the said some of £310.03.09, whereupon the assurance is to bee delivered unto such person or persons as hee shall appoint. In the meantyme the same is to bee signed and delivered and to remayne with the clarke. |
| 23/02/51 | 3 | Whereas the nyne 15d taxes that were raised upon 50 acres of Adventurers landes in the nyenth lott belonging to Robert Scawen Esq are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge [Page 4] severall daies from tyme to tyme have byn appointed for payment thereof and penalty imposed for non payment, now for as much Mr John Barton hath offered to give 11s 3d an acre for the purchase of the said 50 acres of Adventurers landes, amountinge to the some of £28.02.06, in consideration whereof and for a much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 50 acres, this beinge a day appointed for the sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance of and by virtue of the Acte of Partliament, doe hereby sell the said 50 acres unto the said John Barton - to have and to hold to him and his heires, paying forthwith unto Mr William Jessop receiver for the use of the Companie 11s 3d for every acre of the said 50 acres and payinge and discharginge all future taxes to bee imposed and hereafter to grow due forth for the same. And it is hereby ordered that the said fiftie acres of Adventurers landes shall bee assured to the said John Barton, his heirs and assigned according to the intent of this order in such a manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament lymitted and appointed. |
| 23/02/51 | 3 | Whereas the six taxes of 15d an acre are sett and imposed upon 400 acres part of 700 acres of Adventurers landes belonging to Richard Gorges Esqr in the 6th lott are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have byn from tyme to tyme appointed for payment thereof, now for as much as John Fountayne, Ely, hath offered to give 12s and 1d an acre for the said purchase of the said 400 acres of Adventurers landes, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 400 acres, this beinge the daie appointed for sale thereof, the Companie in persuance and by vertue of the Acte of Partliament doe hereby sell the said 400 acres of Adventurers Landes unto the said John Fountayne to have and to hold for him and his heirs, payinge forthwith into the treasury unto William Jessop for the use of the Companie, the some of £241. And is hereby ordered that the said 400 acres shall bee assured to the said John Fountayne his heirs and assigned accordinge to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament and appointed. |

- 23/02/51 4 Whereas the six 15d taxes sett and imposed upon 50 acres of Adventurers lande belonging to Richard Gorges Esquire in the 6th lott are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have **[Page 5]** from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment and penalties imposed for non payment, now for as much John Fountayne Esq have offered to give 10s 6d an acre for the purchase of the said 50 acres of Adventurer landes, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more mony for the said 50 acres, this beinge a day appointed for sale thereof, the Companie in pursuance of and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said 50 acres of Adventurers lande unto the said John Fountayne to have and to hold to him and his heirs, payinge forthwith into the treasurie, unto Mr Jessop receivor for the use of the Companie, the some of £26.05.00 of which the said Mr Jessop is to reteyne in his handes for the use of the Companie. The some of £20.01.08 and £05.08.00, the surplusage, is by him to bee paid and bee restored to the said Richard Gorges his executor and Adventurer. Accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament, it is hereby ordered that the said 50 acres of Adventurers landes shall be assured to the said John Fountayne, his heirs and assigned accordinge to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Acte is limited and appointed.
- 23/02/51 5 Whereas Cornelius Vermuyden sonne and heir of apparent of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight hath hitherto made default in payinge the purchase money agreed to bee paid for or in respecte of his 400 acres part of the 10000 acres designated to the late King which, at the rate of fortie shillings an acre, amounts unto the some of £800 to the great prejudice of the Companie and of the workes of dreyninge, notwithstandinge severall dayes have from tyme to tyme appointed for payment thereof, now for as much Mr Thomas Allen have offered to give him eight hundred and seaventy poundes for the purchase of the said 400 acres, for consideration thereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the purchase of the said 400 acres, this beinge a daie appointed for sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 400 acres unto the said Mr Thomas Allen to have and hold to him and heires, payinge forthwith into the treasury unto Mr William Jessop receivor for the use of the Adventurers the said some of eight hundred and seaventy poundes. And it is hereby ordered that the said 400 acres of Adventurers lande shall be assured to the said Mr Thomas Allen, his heirs and assigned, or to such other person or persons as hee shall nominate accordinge to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament is limited and appointed.
- 23/02/51 6 Ordered that Mr John Trenchard shall have an assurance of 500 acres of Sir Myles Sandys in the 10th lott now sold unto him by the Companie or to such person or persons as hee shall nominate at the rate of 8 shillings an acre
- 23/02/51 7 **[Page 6]** Whereas the 4 last 15d taxes sett and imposed on 400 acres of part of 3157 acres of Adventurers landes belonging to Sr Myles Sandys knight and baronett in the 10th lott are heitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now for as much as Mr John Thurloe hath offered to give 11s 9d an acre for the said 400 acres amountinge to the some of £225, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more for the purchase of the said 400 acres, this beinge a daie appointed for sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 400 acres unto Mr John Thurloe to have and to hold to him his heirs, payinge forthwith into the treasurie unto Mr William Jessop receivor for the use of the Companie the some of [] and [], being the surplusage, is by him to bee paid and restored to the said Mr Myles Sandys. his executor and Adventurer, accordinge to the true intent and

meaninge of the said Acte. And it is ordered that the said 400 acres shall be assured to the said John Thurloe, his heirs and assigned or such other person or persons as hee shall nominate and appoint and to their heirs.

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| 23/02/51 | 8 | Memorandum that Robert Henley Esq does hereby undertake the payment of £25 in arrears from Sir Thomas Gardyner |
| 23/02/51 | 9 | Whereas the 4 last 15d taxes payable in June, July and August last were sett and imposed upon 115 acres parte of Sir Myles Sandys share or proportion of Adventurers landes in the 10th lott and upon 160 acres of his share or proportion of Adventurers landes in the 13th lott which taxes are heitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as William Weston Esq hath offered to give 11s 8s an acre for the said 275 acres, amountinge to the some of £154.13.09, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more for the purchase of the said 275 acres, this beinge a daie appointed for sale thereof, the Companie in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby doe sell the said 275 acres unto William Weston to have and to hold to him and his heirs, payinge forthwith into the treasurie unto My William Jessop receivor for the use of the Companie the some of £154.13.09 of which the said Mr Jessop is to reteyne in his handes for the use of the Companie, the some of £140.03.0 and £14.10.00, beinge the surplusage, is by him to bee paid and restored to the said Mr Myles Sandys his executor and administrator acording [Page 7] to the said Acte of Parliament, and it is ordered that the said 275 acres shall be assured to the said William Weston his heirs and assigned accordinge to the intent of this order as in and by the said Acte is limited and appointed. |
| 23/02/51 | 10 | Upon readinge the order of tax bearinge date 22nd of July 1650, it is thought fitt and now ordered that as to the matter of taxes and any penalty there upon the said order shall bee and is hereby discharged and made void to all intents and purposes. |
| 23/02/51 | 11 | Whereas the Companie now present, takinge into their serious consideration the necessity of raisinge moneye in order for the speedy carryinge on of the workes of dreyninge on the south side of Bedford River have thought fitt and doe hereby order fower severall taxes of 15d an acre, amountinge in the whole unto 5s an acre, bee set and imposed upon the whole 950000 acres in the Acte of Parliament mentioned, as well upon the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres and mentioned in the said Acte of Parliament lately assigned by the Companie unto Benjamyn Weston Esqr, his heirs and assigned, and the said taxes are hereby sett and imposed accordingly and ordered to bee paid to the officers of the treasurie of the Companie unto the handes of the receivor for the tyme beinge at the howse of Mr Henley Esqr nere Temple Barr in the parish St Clement Danes in the county of Middlesex in manner and forme followinge: viz -the first tax of 15d for every acre thereof, respectively, on or before the 15th daie of March next cominge, the next too 15d or half a Crowne an acre for every acre thereof on or before the 15th daie of April then next followinge, and the last tax on 15d for every acre thereof respectively on or before the 15th daie of May then next followinge, until the said 4 severall taxes bee fully paid. And in default of payment of the said first tax or any parte thereof, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold on the daie of payment of the next too succeedinge taxes, or any tyme after and the landes as such as make default of payment of the two said succeedinge taxes or any parte thereof are hereby ordered to bee sold on the daie of payment on the next or last succeedinge or any other tyme after. And the land as of such as make default of payment of the last of the aforesaid taxes of 15d an acre or any parte thereof are hereby appointed to bee |

old at or upon the 15th daie of June now next ensuinge or at any other subsequent meetinge of 5 or more of the Adventurers meetinge.

- 26/02/51 1 **[Page 8]** Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Hamond
- 26/02/51 2 Ordered that the clarke of the Companie doe give notice to all of the Comissioners that are now in towne and nominated in the Acte that there is a meetinge of the said Comissioners in the Middle Temple Hall on Friday 28th February instant at 2 a clock in the afternoone and in their absence hee is to leave a note in writinge at their severall places of abode to this effecte viz -
- You are named as a Comissioner in the Acte of Parliament for the dreyninge of the Great Levell of the Fennes and you are desired by the Adventurers to meete the rest of the Comissioners in the Middle Temple Hall on Fridaie 28th of this instant month of February 1650 at 2 a clocke in the afternoone
- Signed by the appointment of the Adventurers by
- George Smith clarke
- 26/02/51 p.m 1 Mr Fountayne, Mr Hamond, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Gale, Mr Trafford, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Georges
- 26/02/51 p.m 2 Whereas John Fountayne Esqr did formerly purchase 450 acres, parte of 700 acres of Adventurers landes in the 6th lott belonginge to Richard Gorges, Elye, as by the severall orders of 24th of February instant may appeare, but in regard there is noe conveyance yet passed from the Companie and whereas the said Mr Gorges hath since agreed with the said Mr Fountayne and hath paid in the taxes in arrere for the same, whereupon the said Mr Fountayne is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contracte with the Companie for the said 450 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Mr Fountayne now testified by setting his hand hereunto that hee is to take noe benefitt by his said contracte with the Companie touching the same but that the said Mr Gorges and his assigned are to enjoy the said 450 acres as in his former right, the aforesaid contracte not withstandinge.
- John Fountayne
- 26/02/51 p.m 3 **[Page 9]** Mr Trenchard, according to a former order nominated Captain North to have 500 acres of Adventurer landes of Sir Myles Sandys in the 10th lott which the said Mr Trenchard purchased of the Companie at the rate of £8 an acre whereupon the said Captain North is to have an assurance of the said landes from the Companie made unto him and his heirs and hee is forthwith to pay in his purchase mony to the officers of the treasury of the Companie for the tyme beinge into the hands of Mr William Jessop receivor.
- 26/02/51 p.m 4 For as much as Mr Arthur Tench had formerly, by order of the Companie, an allowance of 20 shillings a weeke for so long tyme as Mr Hamond should thinke fitt to imploy him and afterwards, as by an order of the Companie, hee was chosen clarke comptroller, and the Companie beinge informed that the said Mr Trench hath had and received of their expendor the said 20s a weeke severall weekes after meetinge last which was after the first order determyned, amountinge to the some of ten poundes, it is therefore ordered that the sum of £10 is to bee defaulted out of his next quarter sallarye.
- 26/02/51 p.m 5 Whereas the 15d taxes payable in May, June, July and August were sett and imposed

upon 970 acres belonging to Colonell Titchborne and Lord Lidcott in the 10th lott, which taxes are hither to unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie of Adventurers notwithstandinge severall daies have been appointed from tyme to tyme for payment thereof, now for as much as John Thurloe of Lincolns Inn in the county of Middlesex for and on behalfe of himself and Walter St John of Battersey Esqr and Thomas Matthews of London Groves hath offered to give £7 an acre for the purchase of the said 970 acres of Adventurers landes, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 970 acres, this beinge a daie appointed for sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance of and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 970 acres unto them, the said John Thurloe, Walter St John and Thomas Mathewes to have and to hold them and their heirs, payinge forthwith unto the offices of the treasury unto Mr Jessop for the use of the Companie the some of £363.15.00 and it is agreed and consented unto by the said John Thurloe, Walter St John, and Thomas Mathewes that noe benefitt of serveshippe shall be taken by them or their heirs or assignes in respect of this order of sale **[Page 10]** and it is hereby ordered that the said 970 acres of Adventurers landes shall bee assured unto the said John Thurloe, Walter St John and Thomas Mathewes, their respective heirs and assigned according to the initial order in such manner as in and by the said Acte is limited and appointed.

26/02/51 p.m	6	Ordered that a letter bee sent to the expeditor and another letter to Mr Burton with the order inclosed, in each letter touching the discharge of one Bowers formerly employed as an overseer. The letters were sent accordingly
28/02/51	1	Mr Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Allen, Mr Hamond, Mr Arthur, Mr Marsham, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trafford, Mr Gorges
28/02/51	2	Ordered that 100 copies apeare of the 2 warrants signed and sealed this daie by the Commissioners and bee forthwith printed at the charge of the Companie, and Mr Jessop is to distribute out money to defray the charge thereof.
28/02/51	3	Ordered that warrant bee read in all parish churches on the north side of Bedford River and partes adjacent, 200 of which warrants are ordered to bee printed at the Companies charge, as aforesaid, a copie of the warrant followinge on these words in pursuance of an order of the Companie nominated in the Acte of Parliament for dreyninge the Great Levell of the Fennes made in the Middle Temple Hall on Fridae 18th February 1650. These are to give notice to all those in whome it may concerne that the Companie nominated in the said Acte of Parliament have appointed a meetinge and session to bee held at Wisbech on Fridaie 21st of March next and at Peterborough on Mondaie 24th of the same month there to doe and acte accordinge to the powers given in the said Acte of Parliament.
01/03/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hamond, Mr Trenchard, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Trafford
01/03/51	2	Agreed that all such Adventurers as give in their names betweene this and Wednesdaie next shall have accomodation for horses or coaches at the Companies charge as they shall thinke fitt and Mr Henley is to hand an allowance from the Companie for his charge of a horse litter in goinge downe with the Companie
01/03/51	3	[Page 11] Ordered that Mr Trenchard shall have paid unto him by the receiver of the Companie the some of £300 which hee does agree to repaie again at Wisbech on the 20th of this month for defrayinge the charge of the Companie and it is agreed that all

such Adventurers as will retorne any moneys shall have payment made here to bee received in the Country

- 03/03/51 1 Mr Henley Snr, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch, Mr Thomas Allen, Mr Baldwyn Arthur
- 03/03/51 2 Ordered that Mr Jessop doe pay, or cause to be paid, unto Mr Moore surveyor to the Companie the some of six and thirty shillings for 28 mappes which hee bought of one Mr Lane for the use of the Companie, a note of which mappes he hath delivered into the clarke. And it is further ordered that Mr Jessop doe also pay unto the said Mr Moore the some of fiftie poundes for his quarter allowance due the 2nd of this month.
- 04/03/51 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood
- 04/03/51 2 Ordered that letters be sent to severall Commissioners nominated in the Acte of Parliament and that are now out of towne, a copie whereof followeth in these words viz -

It hath pleased the Commissioners nominated in the Acte of Parliament for dreyninge the Great Levell of the Fennes to adjourne theire session to Wisbech the 21st March instant and from there to Peterborough the 24th of the same. Sir, you are also one of the Commissioners as you will see by the printed enclosed Acte, and therefore it is the earnest desire of the Earl of Bedford his Adventurers and Participants that if your occasion will permitt, you would bee pleased to give a meetinge to the rest of the Commisioners at the tymes and places appointed that so you may upon the place bee better able to judge of what by the Acte you are intrusted with. And there shall the bee best care bee taken for your accomodation that the places will afford. This is all I have command from the Lord and the rest of the Adventurers. I remain

Your humbler servant G.S

with letter here sent accordingly

- 04/03/51 3 **[Page 12]** Ordered that a letter bee sent to the Earl of Bedford to this effecte viz -

I am commanded by the Companie perticularly to signifie to your Lorshipp that the Commissioners have appointed a session by adjournement at Wisbech the 21st of this instant, and from there to Peterborough the 24th of the same, where they hope to obteyne an adjudication of all that levell on the north side of Bedford River, and as they are advised by their councill that your Lordships presence will be absolutely necessary as the first and chief of the fower trustees to take position for them, so they judge it most convenient that your Lordship, in refference to your own interest, and to bringe to perfection that gallant worke begun and prosecuted by your noble father, would be pleased to give all possible counteynance to it and in order there to make it their humble suyte to your Lordship that you would be pleased to bee here when the Comissioners sett forward on their journey which will bee on Monday the 17th of this instant and accompanie them on there waie, which may, as they apprehend, bee of great advantage to their busines. And if your Lordships occasions will permitt, they humbly desire your presence here before that tyme, and as soon as may bee, for my Lord St John beinge drawne away upon the great affayres of the state and there beinge some works now begun on the south side of Bedford River which may much concerne the Companie and wherein they are not satisfied and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden beinge now in towne they doe desire that such of the Companie

as have the power to comptroll him (of which your Lord is the chiefe) may debate the business with him and settle some speedy order therein which otherwise may tende to bee of great damage to the Companie

which letter was sent accordingly

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| 04/03/51 | 4 | Ordered that |
| | | Whereas the committee at their meeting in the Middle Temple Hall 28th of February last did adjourne to meete at Wisbech 21st of March instant and at Peterborough the 24th instant, it is ordered that the clarke give notice to all the Comissioners now in towne of the tyme and place of meetinge aforesaid. |
| 04/03/51 | 5 | Memorandum that Lieutenantt Francis Underwood hath agreed with the Companie to contynue his place of expenditorship for one month longer and to meete them at Peterborough and Wisbech and to execute his place upon the like termes as formerly he did the last year. |
| 12/03/51 | 1 | [Page 13] Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Maynstone, Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood, Mr Gorges, Mr Adams |
| 12/03/51 | 2 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Pepis of Cambridge to the effect that the Companie cannot conveniently goe by Newmarkett but if hee please to meete the rest of the Commissioners who intend to meete at St Ives on Tuesdaie night next they will provide for him the like accomodation as for the rest of the Commissioners. |
| 12/03/51 | 3 | Ordered that another letter bee sent to Mr Dunkett of Cambridge to the like effecte |
| 12/03/51 | 4 | Upon readinge a letter from Colonell Thomas Castell directed to the Companie, it is ordered that a copie of the said letter bee enclosed and sent unto Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and the Companie desire him to frame such an answer thereunto as hee shall thinke fitt for the Companie to make. And that Mr Moore bee desired to meete the Lord Comissioners on Tuesday next at St Ives. |
| 12/03/51 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Jessop doe pay to Bartholomew Hall Esqr, attorney gent, the enclosed twenty poundes as his fee for beinge reteyned of councell for the Companie and desired to goe downe into the Country with the Comissioners and also that hee paie Mr Latch twenty shllinges for his fee as beinge of councell for the Companie on the 28th February last in the Temple Hall, and this shall be his sufficient discharge in that behalfe |
| 14/03/51 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne |
| 14/03/51 | 2 | Ordered that severall letters bee written to Mr Drewry Snr, Raph Hare and Mr Grigory Gawsell for accomodation of the Lords Commissioners and others at their howses for one night onely in their passage towards Wisbech |
| | | Which letters were sent accordingly |
| 14/03/51 | 3 | Ordered that severall breviates bee made for the Companie against their journey to Wisbech and Peterborough their journey and Peterborough on Monday night |
| | | Ordered that Mr Jessop be desired to goe downe with the Lord Comissioners on Monday next and hee is to carry downe with him £150 towards the defrayinge of the |

charge of this journey. And hee is to issue out all such other some and somes of money as are necessary to bee expended and layed out here in towne before the said journey. And Mr Bradley, one of the Adventurers, is desired to husband the busines to their best advantage and to add looke the severall bills upon the way, which are to bee brought unto him by Anthony Spence. And hee **[Page 14]** is desired to underwrite every sure bill that such and such monyes are to bee paid, whereupon it shall bee a sufficient warrant to the said Mr Jessop to pay and discharge the said.

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| 15/03/51 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Arthur |
| 15/03/51 | 2 | Ordered that the Companie now present doe hereby adjourne all their meetings into the Great Levell of the Fennes and nothing is to bee acted here at Mr Henleys howse conclusive to any of the Companie untill their retorne back to London. |
| 21/03/51 | 1 | At the sign of the Bull in Wisbech

Earl of Bedford, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Trenchard, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Russell, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Culpeper, Mr Buskam |
| 21/03/51 | 2 | The Companie having had the busines in debate touchinge Colonell Hobarts proportion of land taken out of Marmions doe conceive that they have a cleere right thereto in regard that the makinge of the first workes by the late Earl of Bedford did enable the settinge of Colonell Hobarts banckes that the Earls workes for the preservation of the outfall did and doe enable the carryinge away the downfall which otherwise could not pass awaie, that Colonell Hobarts embanking was begun duringe the tyme the busines was in agitation in Parliament in order to the Acte now passed for the making good of Lyn Law. And that the contynuance of the generall workes will take of the future charge and service future danger to Colonell Hobart, and yet, in regard the proportion of land (being but about twenty seaven acres) is of so little concerne to the Companie, and Colonell Hobart is a gent that the Companie desire to show a civill respecte to in this perticular, which may bee for his accomodation, they doe hereby declare and order that if Colonell Hobart will take as a curtisie and not of right they will finde out some expedient [Page 15] how hee may keepe his enclosure entyre and without lesseninge the proportion of acres given to them by the last Acte of Parliament |
| 22/03/51 | 1 | At the sign of the Bull Wisbech

Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Russell, Mr Fountayne, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Robert Hampson |
| 22/03/51 | 2 | Upon debate touchinge certaine propositions presented on behalfe of the towne of Wisbech in generall and Mr Burkworthe in perticular, in regard the Companie have not tyme now to consider of the same, doe therefore order that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hamond and Mr Crane and Colonell Castell upon their retorne by Wisbech from Peterborough doe treat with those appointed by the towne of Wisbech touchinge all matters in refference to the undertakers, and are hereby impowered to compose all the differences in such sort as they shall thinke fitt. |
| 24/03/51 | 1 | Att the signe of the Angell in Peterborough

Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Hamond, Mr Crane, Mr Hampson, Mr Culpeper |

24/03/51	2	The said Adventurers doe adjourne to meete againe at the place aforesaid on Wednesday next in the afternoone
26/03/51	1	At the Signe of the Angell in Peterborough Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Sherriffe Titchborne. Mr Hamond, Mr Crane, Mr Hampson, Mr Culpeper, Mr Bufkyn, Mr Arthur, Lieutenant Colonel Underwood
26/03/51	2	The said Adventurers doe thinke fitt and hereby order that Mr Moore their surveyor shall in the first place give convenient notice to the severall townes and parts adjacent on the north side of Bedford River that hee is goinge about to make an exact survey of the Adventurers parts and the proportion of landes not yet divided from the Country and to sett apart and distinguish the land from the landes belonging to the Country [Page 16] to the ende that if the Country do thinke fitt they may joyne a survey of their owne to see the same exactly done and the said Mr Moore is to stake the Adventurers plus other stakes and holes and to take an experte survey of the little brookes and rills and in particular those between Peterborough and Dowsdale.
26/03/51	3	Whereas the Companie moved Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that hee would bee present in person upon the workes and give them an assurance that presently hee goe in hand with the making the indreynes and carryinge awaie the severall brookes to the downfall and take espetiall care to further navigation according to the Acte of Parliament, whereupon the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden desires leave of the Companie to bee absent at London for 10 days, onely upon his urgent occasions. In the meantime, he hath promised to take order for the lockspitting all the South Side of Bedford river which hee intends to doe before hee takes his journey towards London.
26/03/51	5	Memorandum - that care be taken by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as to carryinge away so much water from the Country about Bedford River as the West Water formerly did carry away that so no more cause of complaintt may arise from the Country thereabouts
26/03/51	6	Memorandum - that the purchasers of the Kings 10000 acres are from hence forward to take notice that they are to contribute to repayres to the workes and paying of taxes in proportion to the rest of the Adventurers for the landes adjudged drayned on the northe side of the Bedford River.
26/03/51	7	Ordered that Mr Hamond be desired to take espetiall care for the lettinge of the landes in Waldersey and disposing of the 3000 acre parcell of the 15000 acres for the best advantage of the Companie as hee in his discretion shall thinke fitt.
26/03/51	8	Memorandum - that the outer banke on the southe side of Morton's Leam leadinge from Elderwell to Guiyhern be forthwith repaired
26/03/51	9	Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Francis Underwood shall be allowed the some of one hundred and thirty poundes which is to be paide unto him, Mr Jessop for making retorne of moneyes the last yeare, and likewise the some of 130 poundes more to defray the charges of makinge retorne of money for the yeare now ensueing, is also to be paide unto him by the said Mr Jessop and this is not to be to his prejudice for the 200 acres accordinge to the former order. And it is further ordered that all Bills of Exchange from the said expeditor or his assigned shall be charged upon the said Mr Jessop who is to satisfie [Page 17] the same with bills for the acquittances for payment thereof which shall bee a sufficient discharge for all such some and somes as

shall be specified in the said bills

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| 26/03/51 | 10 | Ordered that all deales and wheelbarrows shall be brought in and placed in a stone howse at Salters Lode or elsewhere, and every master workeman upon taking out his number of wheelebarrowes and planks shall give his receipt of such number of wheelebarrowes and planks as hee shall have occasion to use in the works undertaken by him, and shall likewise require of every workman under him a retorne of such barrows and planks, and in case any of them retorne not the said barrows and planks to the said master workemen or bee wanting, they may reteyne so much of their paie until restitution bee made of the said wheelebarrowes and planks |
| 26/03/51 | 11 | Ordered that one William Watts is hereby thought fitt to be employed in takinge care to looke to the sasse at Stanground and hee is to bee allowed the keepinge of three kine upon the banke. And he shalle have an allowance of 40s a yeare from the tyme he enters upon the saide employment and a howse to dwell in and hee is to bee very dilligently careful least hee lett in any water to the prejudice of the workes |
| 26/03/51 | 12 | Ordered that Arlibott the Dutchman shall be employed as an undersurveyor and shalle be allowed 20s per yeare for his sallary to begin from the tyme he enters his employment |
| 26/03/51 | 13 | Ordered that John Turner shall have oversight and care of preserving and looking at all the workes lying between the rivers of Neane and Wellande as well as underdreynes, bankes, sluices, overflows and other workes. And he shall have power from tyme to tyme to employe more persons under him and to allowe them some reasonable sallaryes in order to the preservation of the said workes as hee in his discretion shall thinke fitt. And hee is to give notice to the Companie of any such person or persons that hee shall employe in the service aforesaid to the ende the Companie may eyther allow or disallow as they in their judgment shall thinke fitt. |
| 26/03/51 | 14 | Upon the petitions of Christofer Layton and John Hay, as delivered in and read over to the Companie, it is ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Burton be desired to take into consideration the said petitions and to examyn the truth thereof and certifie the Companie how they finde the same that thereupon such further order shall be made therein as shall [Page 18] seeme fitt and his name subscribed to every such bill shall be of sufficient warrant for Mr Jessop to pay and discharge the same. |
| 26/03/51 | 15 | Whereas the Companie taking into their consideration the necessity of raising a considerable some of money in order to the dreyninge of the south side of Bedford River, so order and agree to sett and impose one other tax or taxes on Wednedaie next. In the meantyme notice is to bee given to all Adventurers now in towne of the intended meeting on Wednesdiae next at two a clocke in the afternoone |
| 26/03/51 | 16 | The Companie takinge into their consideration the good service of Mr Burton, their principall overseer, doe hereby order that Mr Jessop, their receivour, doe paie unto him forthwith the some of fiftie poundes towards his charges and expences over and above his sallary, and the some of £50 more is hereby ordered to bee paid unto him next after the Adjudication of the part of the levell as lyes on the south side of Bedford River and hee shall further have an allowance of 13s 4d a weeke for his clarke that shall bee employed under him. |
| 26/03/51 | 17 | Upon reading of the petition of William Palmer, it is ordered that the same bee taken into consideration next after the adjudication of the south side of Bedford River. |
| 04/04/51 | 1 | Mr Benjamyn Weston, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr |

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| 04/04/51 | 2 | Ordered that the clarke take spetiall care to have the counterpart of the Acte of Adjudication engrossed and made ready with labells for to bee sealed by the Comissioners with all convenient speede. |
| 04/04/51 | 3 | Mr Fyennes being called in it is agreed that on Wednesdaie next in the afternoone the Companie will perticularly take his busines into theire consideration |
| 04/04/51 | 4 | Ordered that Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Marsham or any two of them bee desired to conferre with Mr Jessop to consider of the reducinge into some method the management of the accoumpts in the Country for the tyme to come, and they are desired to meete at the place aforesaid tomorrow morning by eight of the clocke |
| 04/04/51 | 5 | [Page 19] Ordered that letters bee sent to his excellency the Lord Embassadour St John to give his Lord an account of the proceedynges of the Commissoners and transaction of the affayres of the Adventurers att the adjudicaton at Peterborough

which letter was sent accordingly |
| 05/04/51 | 1 | Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Latch, Mr Hampson, Mr B Arthur, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Brierley, My Buskyn |
| 05/04/51 | 2 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that the Companie expecte that hee should not styrre out of the Great Levell of the Fennes until until all the Adventurers landes in the north side of Bedford River bee divided out from the Country or to this or the like effecte |
| 05/04/51 | 3 | Heades of a letter agreed to bee written to Mr Burton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — That he resolve forthwith what is fitt to bee allowed by the pole for repayringe of all the 14 foote division dykes formerly to divide the Adventurers landes from the comons — That in case noe Adventurers landes or proportions needed aforesaid by 14 foote dikes then to certifie what it will cost to make those new dyke |
| 05/04/51 | 3 | Ordered that, as soon as Mr Burton shall certifie the Companie what it will cost by the pole to repayre and make goode the fowerteene foote dykes, heretofore made to divide the Adventurers landes from the Comons, and also to certifie what it will cost to make new division dykes for the purpose aforesaid, then it shall and may bee lawfull for any Adventurer to make any such or more of those division dykes, and hee shall have an allowance out of his next tax or taxes or out of the publique stock of the Companie as they shall thinke fitt. |
| 05/04/51 | 4 | [Page 20] Heades of a letter to the surveyor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — That hee take care for diking out the Adventurers proportions for the Country as it was directed to bee sett forth by the law made at St Ives in October the 13th yeare of the late King. — That hee take notice the Companie have been informed that all such landes are, or ought to bee, admeasured by 18 foote to the pole measure |

- That Mr Carryer of Peterborough hath acknowledged the same to bee the custom of fennes measures and hath lately appointed his owne landes to be sett out accordingly.

05/04/51	5	Ordered that Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne and Mr Latch or any two of them bee desired with all convenient speed to wayte on the Companie with the other part of the adjudication not yet sealed to desire they would bee pleased to seale the same, and that the other part that is already sealed may be forthwith enrolled in chancery and there remayne of record, and the clarke is to take spetiall care to examyn the same that it agrees with the original allready sealed.
05/04/51 p.m.	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Walker, Mr B. Arthur, Mr Hampson, Mr Weston
05/04/51 p.m.	2	Ordered that all letters written by order of the Companie bee henceforward entered in a boocke to bee kept for he purpose
05/04/51 p.m.	3	Memorand that against Monday next the Companie will consider of the nomination of fit persons to bee resident on the works for the yeare ensuinge for managinge the accounts and affayres of the Companie according to the same instructions which are to bee presented on Monday next for their best advantage
05/04/51 p.m.	4	Alderman Henley moved that a broke may bee sett upon default of 15d tax payable the 15th of this month
05/04/51 p.m.	5	Ordered that Mr Bradley, one of the Adventurers, shall hereby have power to examyn all bills of expenses and demandes in reference to the late journey to Wisbech and Peterborough touching the adjudication, and hee is to allow or disallow of the same as in his discretion shall [Page 21] seeme fitt. And his name, subscribed to every such bill, shall be a sufficient warrant to Mr Jessop to pay and discharge the same
05/04/51 p.m.	6	Whereas the Companie takinge into their consideration the necessity of raisinge a considerable some of money in order to the dreyning of the south side of Bedford River, doe order and agree to sett and impose one other tax or taxes on Wednesdaie next. In the meantyme, notice is to bee given to all Adventurers now in towne of their intended meetinge on Wednesdaie next at two a clocke in the afternoone.
07/04/51	1	Mr Latch, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr B Arthur, Mr Adams, Mr J Arthur, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Samuelle, Mr Beverley, Mr Culpeper, Mr Headley
07/04/51	2	The former letter insisted upon the last day were resumed againe and both letters read out to the Companie. Mr Moores letter with some amendments was ordered to bee sent and the other letter intended to Mr Burton at present layd aside.
07/04/51	3	The Companie insisted upon some perticular Adventurers that may bee desired to goe downe and bee resident on the workes to see the affayres of the Companie managed to their best advantage viz - 1 Mr Latch, 2 Mr Hamond, 3 Mr Walker, 4 Mr B Arthur, 5 Mr Draper, 6 Mr Hampson, 7 Colonell 8 Robert Castell, 9 Mr Bradley, 10 Mr Culpeper Whereupon it is ordered that the Companie doe desire they would bee pleased to retorne their answer against Wednesay next

07/04/51	3	Mr Jessop reade over the report of the sub-committee touchinge the managinge of the Companies accounts in the Country. Whereupon Mr Fountayne answered that if the Companie might bee assured that 6 or 8 of the Adventurers would goe downe if any thinges might be left out in the said report
07/04/51	4	Memorandum Mr Fountayne moved the Companie that all contractes and bargaines whatsoever may bee hereafter made and contracted with the 4 trustees in the Acte of Parliamant for the use of the Companie that so all accounts may bee brought in their names.
07/04/51	5	[Page 22] Ordered that Mr Fountayne shall have the some of twenty poundes paid unto him by Mr Jessop which the Companie doe thinke fitt to present unto him for and in respecte of his great paynes and care taken both at Wisbech and Peterborough touchinge the adjudication.
09/04/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Bradley, Mr B, Arthur, Mr Culpeper, Mr J Arthur, Mr Walker, Mr Allen, Mr Weston, Mr Fountayne, Mr Gale, Mr Page
09/04/51	2	Whereas Mr Trenchard delivered in a paper to the Companie expressinge that the some of £5640 lay ready at Cambridge and Bedford which the Companie may, if they thinke fitt, to imploy towards their occasions in the Country by way of Bill of Exchange - whereupon they doe agree to accept thereof and Mr Jessop upon receipt of bills is to pay the like some here and take acquittance for the same
09/04/51	3	Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden bee desired to send up word to the Companie what workes hee intends to make on the south side of Bedford River and upon the Rivers of Grant, Brandon, Mildenhall and Stoake and what hee intends to doe about the navigation to Cambridge that so the Companie may provide a supply of mony answerable to the charge of such workes
09/04/51	4	Whereas Mr Richard Fynnes, according to former order did now attend the Company touchinge certaine landes in Waldersey cutt through and prejudiced, it is agreed by consent of the said Mr Fynes that on Thursdaie fortnight next the said landes shall be admeasured wherein care is to bee taken that distinction bee made of what landes doe belonge to Mr Rowse the reversion, and what landes to the said Mr Fynes, what landes belonge to Mr Morsell and Mr Burrell and how much comon to the towne of Wisbech or elsewhere. And the said Mr Rowse is to have a letter forthwith sent unto him that so hee may provide an agent to be present to see the said landes admeasured. In the meantyme the clarke is to attend Mr Latch to reteyne him of councill for the Companie and desire him to peruse the writinges and consider of the said Mr Fynnes his title to the said landes and make report thereof to the Companie how hee findes the same
09/04/51	5	[Page 23] Ordered that a letter bee written and sent to Colonel Robert Castell to desire hee will bee pleased to be one of the number of those gent of the Companie that are desired to bee resident on the workes
09/04/51	6	Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond to the effecte that the Companie, havinge heard his letter reade over, they conceive that £26.06.00 a floore at this time a yeare is a very high rate and desire him send up words what usually last yeare was the price and that he would consider how the ease the Companie of this great charge

09/04/51	7	That Mr Burton make no contracts with the workemen untill hee views the land upon the place
09/04/51	8	Whereas the former order for setting of another tax this day beinge read over, the question was put whether a tax should bee sett or noe and it was carryed in the affirmative and another question beinge put whether 1/2 a crowne or 15d an acre should be sett and made payable, it was resolved that 15d an acre shall bee sett and imposed and made payable the 15th May next
09/04/51	9	Whereas the Companie, takinge into their consideration the necessity of raising money in order to the dreyninge of the southside of Bedford River, have thought fitt and doe hereby order that another tax of 15d an acre shall bee sett and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres, as well upon the 80000 acres in the 20 lotts or shares, as upon the 2000 acres lately assigned to Benjamyn Weston Esqr his heirs and assigned, and the said tax of 15d for every acre thereof respectively is hereby ordered to bee sett and imposed accordingly and made payable on the 15th daie of May next unto Mr William Jessop receivor of the Companie at the howse of Robert Henley Esqr nere Temple Barre in the county of Middlesex. And in default of payment of the said tax of 15d, part or any part thereof the lands of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold at or upon the sixteenth day of June next or at any other subsequent meeting of 5 or more of the Adventurers and participants
09/04/51	10	Agreed that upon this day fortnight next the Companie will take into consideration the imposing of another tax
09/04/51	11	Ordered that another tax of 15d an acre bee hereby sett and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres for the workes on the north side of Bedford River, whereinto the 10000 acres ought to contribute according to the judgement and agreement from the tyme of adjuducation and the said tax of 15d an acre for every acre of the said 95000 acres is hereby ordered to bee sett and imposed accordingly and made payable on the 16th day of June [Page 24] next unto Mr Jessop, receivor of the Companie, at Mr Alderman Henley's howse without Temple Barre in the County of Middlesex. And in default of payment of the said tax of 15d part, or any part thereof, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to be foresaken upon the 15th day of July next or any other subsequent meeting of 5 or more of the Adventurers and Participants.
09/04/51	12	Ordered that a letter be written to Lieutenant Colonel Frances Underwood that he take great care to discover all such persons as are dangerous to the peace of the state and disaffected to the present government may be removed from the works ... the letter was sent accordingly
11/04/51	1	Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Adams, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Hampson, Mr Bradley, Mr Walker, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr J Arthur
11/04/51	2	<p>Sir Edward Partherich moved to avoyd all inconveniencies that may happen on the south side of the Bedford River for the yeare ensuing. That these changes may be speedily be taken in hand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That all hardes between Erith, Harrimore and Elie be taken up. 2. That preservation may be made of navigation and the weedes cutt out of the river of Owse 3. The locks and sluices be forthwith made for navigation <p>If not done speedily, he is concerned the Countrie upon a daie floodes will be</p>

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And doe verily consider these things will be done within a month

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| 11/04/51 | 3 | Mr Alderman Henley moved the Companie that they would be pleased to appoint a committee to receive his accoumpt whereupon it is agreed that Mr Hampson be added to the persons here to four nominated in the order of the 4th November last for the stateinge of the treasurers accounts and they or any three of them, with the assistance of Mr Jessop, forthwith are desired to state the said account and to make report to the Companie how they find the same |
| 11/04/51 | 4 | [Page 25] Whereas motion was made that some perticuler persons of the Companie may be desired to persue the order of the 10th of January 1649 for nomination of the nyne Adventurers for managing the whole worke or dreyninge, as also of the Articles of Agreement made with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, whereby hee is subjecte to the comptroll of the said nyne persons or any five of them, which order and articles have not hitherto byn duly observed and put in due execution, whereby diverse inconveniences have ensued to the great prejudice of the Companie, it is therefore thought fitt and ordered that Mr Adams, Mr Fountaine and Mr Bradley or any two of them are desired forthwith to take the said order and articles seriously into their consideration and agree upon some course or way as an expediant for the prevention of any inconveniences that may happen to the Companie touchinge the same and they are desired to make their report to the Companie on Mondaie next. |
| 11/04/51 | 5 | It is ordered that the messenger of the Companie doe give notice to all Adventurers, as well those that are in towne as those that are absent at their severall places where they have appointed notice to be left upon any occasion of meeting of the Companie, that there is to be a generall meeting of the Companie on this day fortnight next at 2 a clock in the afternoon to settle all their affayres in refference to the late adjudication and in the first place to consider of the carryinge on of the workes of dreyninge for the sommer next, ensuring 2 for securing navigation, 3 for makinge such a banke as may secure the Country from overflowinge if any somer flood should happen before the worke on the south of Bedford River be fully perfected, and touchinge all such other matters and thinges as are conducing to their owne particular accomodations |
| 11/04/51 | 6 | Agreed that Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountaine and Mr Latch with the assistance of Mr Jessop bee desired particularly to meete tomorrow at two a clock in the afternoone to take into their consideration the reducing of certaine instructions formerly presented to the Companie for the better care of all such Adventurers, and are desired to go downe and be resident on the workes for the managinge the affayres of the Companie for their best advantage. |
| 14/04/51 | 1 | [Page 26] Mr Trenchard, Mr Bayles, Mr Adam Henley, Mr Downing, Mr Beverley, Mr Latch, Mr Culpeper, Mr Worth, Mr William Weston, Mr Gascoigne |
| 14/04/51 | 2 | In pursuance of the former order of 11th of Aprill last, the sub-committee made their report which was read over in writinge as followeth -

Wee conceive the onely expedient is as oft as anythinge is attempted by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden which may tend to the prejudice of the Companie that the Companie would sett downe in writinge the cause of their fears and represent the same to the nyne persons - appointed for comptroll by order of the 10th January 1649 or any five of them, and to desire speedy order for comptroll therein and the clarke to bee strictly required to give notice thereof and cause five of those nyne persons to meete |

sodainly and give some order thereabouts

- 16/04/51 1 Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Bladwyn Arthur, Mr Culpeper, Mr William Weston, Mr Trenchard, Mr Browne, Mr Gorges, Mr J Arthur, Mr Beverley, Mr Hampson, Mr Walker
- 16/04/51 2 Whereas the quantity or proportion of 100 acres belonging to Doctor Samms in the 8th lott for the non payment of taxes was by order of the Companie sold unto Alepand Jones, merchant, but as yet no assurance thereof is passed unto him from the Companie, although hee hath payed all the last yeares taxes due for the same, now forasmuch as the tax of 15d an acre is due the 15th of March last for and in respecte of the said 100 acres is hitherto unpaid, it was thought fitt the said land should bee exposed to sale whereupon Mr Alderman Henley, now present, offered to paie the said tax now in arrere in consideration whereof and after the same was their propounded and none offering more for the land, the Companie present in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said 100 acres to the said Alderman Henley and **[Page 27]** his heires, and have ordered that an assurance from the Companie shall be made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall make and to their heires
- Memorandum that the said Mr Alderman Henley hath nominated Mr Alipant Jones to bee present purchasor of the said 100 acres of the 5th lott.
- 16/04/51 3 Ordered that a letter be sent to Mr Moore that upon any tumult or insurrection, care may be taken to send up a fitt person that is *occulus testis* to come up and make oath and bring up with him the names and places of abode of such as make any styrre or tumult.
- 16/04/51 4 Ordered that a letter be send to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to desire him to remember to give all the satisfaction that may be to the university and towne of Cambridge touching their navigation - the letter was send accordingly
- 16/04/51 5 Ordered that every Adventurer in the Great Levell of the Fennes shall hence forward give unto the clerk of the Companie of the place here in towne where he desires, in his absence, notice to bee left by the messenger of the Companie touching any business or occasions of the Companie which they hereby desire to take notice thereof as if they had byn in person made acquainted therewith.
- 18/04/51 1 Mr Gorges, Mr Carrill, Mr Fountaine, Mr Wm Crane, Mr Ingram, Mr Gasgoine, Mr Browne, Mr William, Colonel Robert Castell, Mr Trenchard, Colonel Walton, Mr Allen, Mr Culpeper, Mr Henley Senior, Sir Thomas Hampson, Mr B Arthur, Mr John Arthur, Mr Draper, Mr William Weston, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Latch, Mr Beverley, Mr Buskin
- 18/04/51 2 Mr Hamonds letter of the 14th instant read over, whereupon it is ordered that the heads of an answer thereunto are as followeth - As touching the riott made by certain women that hee bee desired to send up a messenger on purpose who is to bring up the names and places of abode of all such persons as appeared disorderly or shall hereafter appear in opposition to the proceedings of the Companie.
- 18/04/51 3 And ordered that Mr Hamond, now resident on the workes, shall have full power and is hereby authorised on the behalf **[Page 28]** of the Companie of Adventurers in the Great Levell of the Fennes to decide or cause to bee decided all the growndes belonging to the Adventurers and shall bee entirely hereby enabled to doe all thinges necessary in persuance and conducting therewith by virtue of the Acte of

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18/04/51	4	And hee is to take notice the Companie have resolved that all contractes not pursuant to former orders of the Companie unless the workes contracted for be already finished are not to bee obliginge to the Companie than they shall be pursuant to the instructions this day ordered or shall be allowed by the greater number of 6 of the Companie who are to be resident on the place. As touchinge the reference about Borough Fenne, the Companie desire him to attend Mr Delannall and in order thereunto they have sent him downe the copie of Lyn Law
18/04/51	5	That as to the last part of his letter touchinge under overseers, the Companie, takinge notice of their former order, have now lately agreed upon certaine instructions for some gent of the Companie to goe downe and bee resident on the workes who are desired to pursue the same instructions and take care that no under overseer doe henceafter receive any sallary but accordinge to the said instructions and in pursuance after the same.
18/04/51	6	The Companie are very much unsatisfied with the contracte formerly made for 3s and 6d the polle but now are much more disatisfied with the contracte for 4s the pole and they have returned both the one and the other to the consideration of yourselfe and those gents designated to goe downe and be resident on the workes
18/04/51	7	Upon reading the instructions appointed for severall members of the Companie that are to goe downe into the Country and be resident on the workes and upon hearinge the report of the sub committee touchinge the same, it is agreed and ordered that the said instructions and all matters and things therein conteyned and propounded are hereby appointed and ordered to be kept and observed as orders of the Companie. and the Adventurers therein nominated to goe downe as desired to accordingly reside upon the workes and punctually to pursue the said instructions and to set forward on their journey on Tuesday next. In the mean tyme the clerk is to prepare copies of the said instructions
20/04/51	1	[Page 29] Alderman Henley, John Latch, John Fountayne, Thomas Walker, William Crane
20/04/51	2	Ordered that the last part of the report of the sub comittee concerning theise gent designated to bee resident on the workes shall bee observed as an order of the Companie
20/04/51	3	Ordered that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Dilanall for his advertisement of the late ryott - which letter was sent accordingly
20/04/51 p.m	1	Earl of Bedford, Alderman Henley, Sir Edward Patherich, John Trenchard, William Crane, Sit Thomas Thyme, Richard Gorges, B Arthur, Raph Buskin, James Ingram, John Carrill, Edward Partherich
20/04/51 p.m	2	Upon consideration of the late ryott, and of the letters and warrants procured for suppressing thereof, it was moved that Colonel Walton might be desired by the Companie to displace Captain Kendall of Crowland and appoint him some other place of command in regards hee was and still is an opposer of the proceedings of the Companie and their workes around Croyland. It was desired that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard and Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Crane or any two of them would make some application to Colonel Walton touchinge the same

- 20/04/51 p.m 3 Whereas Mr Mainston does demand the some of £247.10.00 as by him paid for 500 acres in the nynth lott parcell of 1000 acres, sometymes belonginge to the late Earl of Bullingbrooke, in regards he did not enjoy his purchase thereof but Mr Legge hath since bought the said 1000 acres and paid for that some, so as the Companie is twice satisfyed, the said some of £247.10.00. It is thereupon ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to examyn the same and if he finde it true to paye the said £247.10.00 backe to the said Mr Mainston for which this shall bee his warrant
- 20/04/51 p.m 4 **[Page 30]** Whereas 400 acres of late Sir Myles Sandys in the 10th lott for non payment of taxes were formerly sold by the Companie unto John Thurloe Esqr at the rate of 11p 3s an acre, amountinge to the some of £225, which some is yet hitherto unpaid and whereas 174 remaynder of the said Sir Myles Sandys share in the 10th lott and 521 acres remaynder of his interest in the 13th lott, together with the said 400 acres doe in whole amounte to 1095 acres which are now exposed to sale for non payment of taxes. And whereas Matthew Longe of Crouchett Fryers London, now present, offered to give £430.06.03 and to pay and discharge all arreres of taxes and all future taxes payable for the same, in consideration thereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 1095 acres unto him the said Matthew Longe to have and hold the said 1095 acres unto him the said Matthew Longe, his heirs and assigned for which hee hath agreed to pay forthwith unto Mr William Jessop, receivor of the Companie, the said £430.06.03 as also all other arreres if any bee due and future taxes growinge due for or in respecte of the same. And it is further ordered that the said Mr Matthew Longe shall have an assurance of the said landes from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and their heirs.
- 20/04/51 p.m 5 Whereas it appeared to the Companie that being in arreres of the 15d tax due the 15th March last, John Maynstone Esq refused to pay any more taxes for his proportion of the Adventurers landes in the 11th and 19th lotts, that is to say 534 acres in the 11th lott and 976 acres in the 19th lott, and hath left the same to the Companie to dispose of and to expose to sale as they thinke fitt and whereas default of payement hath byn made on the 15d tax due on the 15th March last by John Latch Esquire for, or in respecte of, his interest in 250 acres in the 19th lott which severall proportions of lande doe together amounte in the whole to 2000 acres for non payment of the said taxes and there beinge 2s 6d part money due 15th Aprill last on the said 2000 acres and are now exposed to sale and whereas Matthew Longe of Crouchett Fryers London gent beinge now present offered to give 3s 6d acre for the purchase of the said 2000 acres, amounting to the some of £375 and to pay and discharge all arreres of taxes and also all future taxes hereafter to grow due for the same, in consideration thereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 2000 acres unto him the said Matthew Longe to have and hold the said 2000 acres unto him the said Matthew Longe, his heirs and assigned for which hee hath agreed to pay forthwith unto Mr William Jessop receivor **[Page 31]** of the Companie 3s 6d for every acre and thereof amounting to the some of £375 as aforesaid and to pay and discharge all other arreres of taxes if any bee due upon the same and also all future taxes as shall grow due for the same. And it is further ordered that the said Mr Matthew Longe shall have an assurance of the said landes from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate or appoint and their heirs, and Mr Jessop is to put all the said £375 to the Companie account there beinge noe surplusage prevaylinge above the taxes due.

20/04/51 p.m	6	Alderman Henley, John Fountayne, Colonell Castell, James Ingram, John Trenchard, John Walker, Thomas Culpeper, Baldwyn Arthur, Sir Thomas Hampson, Richard Beverley, John Latch, Richard Gorges, John Arthur, Robert Hampson
20/04/51 p.m	7	Accordinge to the former order of the Companie, John Trenchard made report on Mr Alderman Henleyes account which consisted of 4 parts, the last part thereof hee, with others of the sub-committee, had perused and examyned and found that there were vouchers for every perticular thereof and that the other parts of the accounts had byn already perused and examyned. Mr Jessop beinge called in, read over the arreres depending on some Adventurers and purchases and therein John Barton for 50 acres late Robert Scrawen in the 9th lott which beinge taken into consideration, the question was put whether or noe the order the sale of the said 50 acres, bearing date 24th February last, should bee made void. It was by the major part resolved in the affirmative whereupon it is hereby ordered that this said order of sale of the 24th February shall be frustrated and made null and void to all intents and purposes.
20/04/51 p.m	8	Memorandum upon reading the order of the 27th February 1649 touching Alderman Henleyes fifth lott intended as a recompense to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as director of the works in lieu whereof hee was to have £10000 from the Companie, Mr John Trenchard moved that in regard hee hath 400 acres in the same lott, hee may not bee prejudiced for his non payment of taxes for the said in the meantyme untill the matters of the said order bee determynd by the Companie. The like motion for indemnity was made by the said Mr Alderman Henley in respecte of his interest. And the said order of 27th February last is to bee taken into consideration on Monday next.
21/04/51	1	[Page 32] Alderman Henley, John Fountayne, John Latch, Colonell Castell, Baldwyn Arthur, John Arthur, John Trafford, Robert Hampson, Thomas Culpeper, William Crane
21/04/51	2	This daie William Stephens Esqr was acquainted with the Companie that 27 acres and 1 rodde parcell of Marmions in the 18th lott late belonginge to the Earl of Arundell was by the Companie at Wisbech ordered to bee enjoyed by Colonell Hobart and therefore they could not passe it to him but in regards Mr Stephens now offered that Colonell Hobart should enjoy the same and that hee would take some opportunity to move the Companie for some recompence in lieu thereof, it is thereupon ordered that the conveyance bee made unto Mr Stephens or such as hee shall appointe according to the order of the 18th of the month.
22/04/51	1	Alderman Henley, Baldwyn Arthur, John Carrill, John Fountayne, James Ingram, John Arthur
22/04/51	2	Ordered that Mr Latch, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson and Mr Walker who are desired by the Companie to bee resident on the workes in the Fennes shall receive ten shillings a pence per diem for their expences duringe the tyme they shall remayne upon the said workes on behalfe of the Companie, and Lieutenant Underwood the expnditor is hereby ordered to make payment thereof weekley to them accordingly.
23/04/51	1	[Page 33] Alderman Henley, John Latch, John Fountayne, Thomas Walker, William Crane
23/04/51	2	Ordered that the last part of the report of the sub-committee concerning those gent designed to bee resident on the workes shall bee observed as an order of the Companie.

23/04/51	3	Ordered that a letter of thanks bee sent to Mr Delannall for his advertisement of the late ryott which letter was sent accordingly
23/04/51 p.m	1	Earl of Bedford, Alderman Henley, Sir Edward Partherich, John Trenchard, Mr Crane, Sir Thomas Thyme, Richard Gorges, B Arthur, Raph Buskyn, James Ingram, John Carrell, Edward Partherich
23/04/51 p.m	2	Upon consideration of the late ryotts and the letters and warrant procured for suppressing thereof it was moved that Colonell Walton might be desired by the Companie to displace Captain Kendall of Crowland and appoint him some other place of command in regards hee was and is still an opposer of the proceedings of the Companie and their workes about Croyland. It was desired thereupon that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Crane or any two of them would make some application to Colonell Walton touching the same.
23/04/51 p.m	3	Whereas Mr Mainston does demand the some of £247.10.00 as by him paid for 500 acres in the nynth lott, parcell of 1000 acres, sometymes belonginge to the late Earl of Bullingbroke, in regards hee did not enjoy his purchase thereof but Mr Legge hath since bought the said whole 1000 acres and paid for the same so as the Companie is twice satisfied the said some of £247.10.00, it is thereupon ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to examyn the same and if hee finde it true to pay the said £247.10.00 backe to the said Mr Mainston for which this shall bee his warrant.
23/04/51 p.m	4	[Page 34] Ordered that Mr Jessop bee ordered to pay the some of five poundes unto Mr Trenchard as so much by him paid in gold to Mr Walker towards the expenses in the service of the Companie
23/04/51 p.m	5	Upon reading Mr Moores letter it is ordered that an answer unto him in this effecte. That hee maynly witness the making and scowinge of the mayne dreynes to carry the brookes and rivuletts of waters that fall from the Country and that hee mainly doe attend the dividing of the Adventurers proportions from the Country according to the Lot divisions and not at all to meddle with any said devision of the Adventurers landes.
23/04/51 p.m	6	Ordered that if any person or persons that are Adventurers in the Great Levell of the Fennes shall desire to devide his or their landes from other Adventurers landes next adjoyning, hee shall make straight ditches of 10 feete wide, takinge 5 foote of his owne growned and 5 foote of the Adventurers next adjoyninge and casting halfe of the soyle of his owne side and the other halfe of the growned next adjoyninge on the other side. And that one halfe of the charge shall be borne by the partie that makes the ditch and the Adventurers on the other side shall pay him the other halfe of the charge. And the said ditches to bee contynually scowred and mayntayned afterwards at the equall charge of the said Adventurers lyinge on eyther side of the said ditch. And it is further ordered that every Adventurer that has mynde to so decide shall leave ten daies notice in writing to the clarke of the Companie before hee goes about to make such devision.
23/04/51 p.m	7	Whereas Captain Fisher moved the Companie and presented a note desiringe that his former agreement for makinge a draw bridge may bee suspended, whereupon, after a long debate touchinge the same, in regard since the said former agreement, the towne of Wisbech have made severall complaintes against them which stand referenced, they thinke it not fitt for them to give any answer untill the matter upon that reference bee at an ende.

25/04/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Alderman Henley, William Crane, Robert Castell, Andrew Henley, Richard Gorges, Edward Partherich, Edmund Page, John Carill
25/04/51	2	[Page 35] Whereas Mr Badderleys bill was taken under consideration amounting to £12.09.06 whereupon it is ordered that Mr Jessop be ordered to paie unto the said Mr Badderley the some of eleven poundes and ten shillings which is in full of the said bill and of all other of his demands from the Companie which he is willinge to accept of and Mr Jessop is to take his receipt in full and this shall be his warrant
25/04/51	3	Memorandum. It is agreed that Colonel Castell bee desired to write a letter to Lord Ambassadour St John to acquaint the Lordshipp with the business touchinge the late ryott and what was done for suppressing thereof
28/04/51	1	Alderman Henley, Thomas Allen, John Thurloe, William Crane, John Trenchard, Sir Gilbert Gerard, John Fountayne, John Russell
28/04/51	2	That a letter be written to Sir Cornelius upon the motion of Mr Thurloe on behalfe of the Lord Chief Justice St John that the name of St Johns Eau drayne be spared and some other name be given thereunto
28/04/51	3	It is ordered that all Adventurers landes that are behinde in payinge their taxes are to be exposed to sale on Wednesdaie next in the afternoone and Mr Jessop is desired to prepare a note against the tyme of all those that have byn made default in the payinge of their taxes.
28/04/51	4	Ordered that a letter be sent to Mr Latch that hee would take spetiall care to see the division dykes substantially made that the mounds may not fall in again but be a defence against the next flood, and that care be taken that they may be well sodded which may be of small charge to the Companie and prove very advantageous
28/04/51	5	Also that the said Mr Latch would take espetiall care that the clay beds at the Horse Shoe be speedily digged away in this dry season before a floode comes and it bee to late. Of this the Companie have had sad experience and therefore desires his espetiall care herein
28/04/51	6	[Page 36] Ordered that the clarke in drawinge up the order upon any sale or contracte for landes, doe before such contracts hence forward sett downe and expresse a certaine tyme for payment of the purchase money within which tyme, if the money bee not paid that contract to bee null and void to all intents and purposes.
28/04/51	7	Upon reading Mr Jefferey Palmers letter touching the security the Companie are to have for land bought of the Earle of Westminster, it is ordered that an answer bee sent to this effecte That the Companie doe desire him to propose unto them such security as hee would doe for others in the purchase of landes and they shall speedily take it into consideration
28/04/51	7	A report of the sub-committee touching the management of the accounts and other affayres in the Countrie which by order of 18 Aprill last is to bee observed accordingly. 1 It is thought necessary and proposed that five persons of the Companie bee added to Mr Hamond to reside constantly on the workes till the 15th August next unles the Companie shall in the meanetyme think fitt otherwise to order

2 That Mr Latch, Mr Culpeper, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Walker and Mr Hampson bee desired to goe.

3 That the said members of the Companie bee desired to dispose themselves into such places and upon sure employments as may bee for the most advantage to the Companie and so, as they may meete on every weeke at the least, to perfecte all entries and to resolve and order matters as shall from tyme to tyme bee necessary.

4 That Mr Latch bee authorised and desired duringe his abode in the Countrey to manage the comptrolle and to issue warrants to the expeditor and his deputies for the payment of monyes upon contractes and otherwise as is after mentioned. And Mr Tench (duringe the said Mr Latch his residence) is to bee deputy comptroller and to be subservient to Mr Latch and to acte accordingly to such instructions and order, as the clarke comptroller for the tyme beinge shall from tyme to tyme give him.

5 That the major part of the said 6 members of the Companie, att any of their said meetings, shall have power to approve, appoint, encrease and diminish such and so many overseers as they shall from tyme to tyme thinke fitt, ordering it so they may bee reduced to as finall a number as the workes will beare, as [Page 37] also upon any misdemeanor or unfaithfullness certified to them by the member of the Companie resident on that part of the worke, to remove any of the said bad overseers and to suspend their sallaries till further order and that noe under overseers doe receive any pay but such as shall bee appointed or approved as aforesaid.

6 That the principall overseer shall, upon view of the place and consideration of the laws and other circumstances, as also with the approbation of one of more of the Companie resident on the works, and not otherwise, make contracts for all the rodd workes, wherein hee is carefully to see that the dimentions bee duly observed and making the contracte in the name of the fower trustees appointed by the Acte of Parliament viz - William Earle of Bedford, Edward Russell Esqr, Robert Henley Esqr and Robert Castell Esqr. The contracte being made and approved of as aforesaid, the same is to bee signed by the principall overseer as also by five member or members of the Companie or approved thereof. And being so signed, the principall overseer is to cause the said to bee entered in a booke and a copie thereof to bee forthwith delivered to a member of the Companie designated to that part of the worke and another copie to bee sent to the comptroller or his deputy who is to enter the same in a booke to bee by him for that purpose kept.

7 That against every paie daye, the under overseers, designated to each respective worke by one or more of the members of the Companie, shall send to the comptroller or his deputy a list to be first approved of by the member of the Companie perticularly designed to such worke, expressinge how much of the worke undertaken is performed by the respective workemen and what money is fitt to bee received in such pay daie in respecte thereof, regulatinge and ascertayninge the some in such sort that whether the workes done may bee over, part for, nor any alteration made of the some when it comes to bee paid.

8 That of the said list, the comptroller or his deputy make an entry in his booke and the clarke comptroller, for the tyme beinge, is desired to forthwith send an extracte thereof, signed with his hand, to be expeditor or the deputy expeditor for such worke, conteyninge likewise his warrant for payment thereof, whereupon the expeditor or his deputy may proceed to pay the somes therein mentioned to the respective workemen or their assigned provided that the said payments to be made in the presence of one at least of the members of the Companie who are desired (in order to their beinge so present to dispose of themselves) and to settle the pay daies

with most conveniency.

[Page 38] 9 Whereupon payment of the said lists, the members of the Companie present, as also the expendor or his deputy, shall attest under their severall hands, subscribed to the said list, that the somes therein mentioned were accordingly paid to the workemen or their assigned

10 That upon the finishinge of any worke undertaken by any perticular workman and before the expendor makes payment of the last some to the workman concerned, hee is to receive from the member of the Companie resident on the place a certificate that the workeman hath performed his worke accordinge to contracte for makinge good of with certificate. Such members of the Companie as from tyme to tyme to consult with the principall surveyor, undersurveyor or under overseer as hee shall see cause, and thereupon warrant from Mr Latch or the clarke comptroller for the tyme beinge, the expendor is to pay such remaynder, taking such a receipt from the partie as shall also include all the former payments and that the said clarke comptroller may bee better entrusted for the issuing of such warrant, a copie of the said certificate is to bee sent to him or his deputy comptroller, and in case the said Mr Latch should bee absent or unable to acte that the gentlemen members of the Companie upon the place would designe someone or themselves in his stead who is to have the same power as the comptroll.

11 That the undersurveyor to bee nominated by the members of the Companie resident on the workes at one of their meetings shall according to the appointment of the director lay out and measure the severall workes and cause the said to be lockspitted, observinge as hee goes along the severall lowes and blaults and gravells as farre as hee can, certifyinge the extent of the same to the comptroller or his deputy in such fact as may with most certainty give light for the putting out the worke.

12 That the Director of the workes doe from tyme to tyme sett out his workes in writing and deliver one copie thereof to the surveyor, one other to principall overseer and a third to the comptroller or his deputy

13 That daies workes bee spared as much as may bee and reduced to certaine contracts but where they shall bee necessary, bills shall bee weekly prepared by the under overseer, expressinge the workeman, the worke, the rate and the place, whereof the principall overseer is to take consideration if hee bee upon the place and beinge approved and signed by him and the members of the Companie resident on such worke, or in his absence, by any other member **[Page 39]** of the Companie. The same are forthwith to bee returned to the comptroller or his deputy, who is to enter the same and then transmitt them to the expendor or his deputie who may pay the same in the comptrollers warrant for the tyme beinge in that behalfe, provided that the same bee paid in presence of one or more of the Companie as aforesaid and, upon payement thereof, to the parties or their assigned, the expendor is to take the parties receipt or, in attestation under the hand of the member of the Companie present, that the same is paid accordingly

14 That all contracts for landes shall bee made upon view of the place and in presence and with consent of too of the Companie at least and as well all contracts for landes as all other contracts of the Companie shall bee made in the name of the fower trustees aforesaid and not otherwise

15 That all deales, tymber and other materialls shall bee bought and contracted for by two or more of the said members of the Companie, and the contracte, beinge by them signed, shall bee transmitted to the comptroller or his deputy who is to enter

the same, whereupon the comptroller for the tyme beinge may make out his warrant to the expendor and the clarke comptroller is to certifie to the clarke of the materialls the contracte and thereupon the expendor may make payment.

16 That a fitt person been nominated to bee clarke of materialls who is to receive all materialls into his charge at three convenient places to bee for that purpose appointed by the member of the Companie on the place. And on such receipt, to certifie to the comptroller or his deputy the severall parcells so received and on whose account they are delivered.

17 That the clarke of materialls issue none but upon a note in writinge from the principall or under overseer of the respective workes expressing the quallitye and quantitye requisite for the severall workes, upon which note hee may deliver the quantities desired by the under overseer, taking a receite for the same from the said under overseer or such person as hee imployes to fetch them, by which receipt hee is to charge the same on the respective under overseer who are to keepe an exacte account how the same are issued to the workemen and from the said workemen to require an account how they are imployed which if not satisfactory then the under overseer is to transmitt a certificate thereof to the clarke of materialls and hee to the comptroller or his deputy, and the comptroller is to certifie the same to the expendor who is to stay in his handes a proportion of such workmens wages till satisfaction bee given to the members of the Companie resident in the workes or too of them.

[Page 40] 18 That the clarke of materialls shall from tyme to tyme demande from the under overseer an account of the materialls so delivered them and upon their not sending a satisfactory account then to transmitt a certificate of the defaults to the comptroller or his deputy, and the comptroller is thereupon to order a suspension of all or part of this sallary till satisfaction given the members of the Companie on the place or two of them

19 That the expendor and his deputy doe in their payments observe the cautions afore mentioned and in generall that they pay noe money without warrant from the comptroller.

20 That the severall officers bee enjoyned to observe these rules on the penaltie of losing their respective salaryes.

21 That the Companie receivor doe weekly certifie to the comptroller what bills of exchange are charged upon him by the expendor, his deputyes or assigned.

22 That the clarke comptroller is hereby imployed from tyme to tyme to give warrant unto the expendor for the payement of any moneyes warranted by the orders of the Companie.

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| 30/04/51 | 1 | Sir Gilbert Girard, Mr John Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr John Bridges, Mr John Thurloe, Mr Rpah Buskin, Mr John Trenchard, Sir Edward Partherich, Colonell Isaac Jones, Mr Fab Phillips, Mr Willam Crane |
| 30/04/51 | 2 | Accordinge to a former order, the Companie tooke into their consideration all such persons as made defaults in payinge in their taxes, and the paper of arreres beinge in part read over, it appeares that Mr John Trenchard was behind one hundred thirtie one poundes five shillings in respecte of his 2100 acres in the 2nd and 17th lotts but for as much as hee alledged that Mr Henley had parted with his 5th lott unto Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as director of the workes in which lott hee had an interest and |

therefore desired to know the resolution of the Companie thereon, where or noe hee should bee spared in payinge taxes for his lande untill the business was decided betweene him and Mr Henley, whereupon it is ordered that the same bee referred to Mr Carrill, Mr Fountayne, Mr [Page 41] Thurloe and Mr Bridges or any two of them who are desired to examyn the deede betweene the said Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard and what share or proportion of lande do belonge to each and how the case standes between them which they are desired to report to the committee forthwith

30/04/51 3 Whereas the Companie tooke into their consideration the order of the 27th February 1649 touching Mr Henleys 5th lott which Sir Cornelius Vermyden as director of the workes and Mr Henley by that order is clayming to have 10000 acres from the Companie, it is ordered that the same be referred to Mr Fountayne, Mr Carrill, Mr Thurloe and Mr Bridges or any two of them who are to be attended by the clarke with all order touchinge the same. And they are desired with all convenient speede to make report to the Companie how they find the said.

30/04/51 4 Mr Thurloe thought fitt to propound fower things to the Companie by way of motion

1 That there may be a narrative of the whole proceedinges touchinge the late adjudication and depositions may be enrolled in chancery and exemplified, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Fountayne and Mr Jessop be desired to draw up the said narrative with all possible speede wherewith the Companie may be acquainted and that they would be pleased to sign the same

1. That 2 mappes may be forthwith made to be sent to my Lord St John

2. That he may also have a copie of the late Acte of Adjudication

3. That care may be taken for driving the growndes and cleering the position of the Adventurers

30/04/51 5 Whereas there had byn disturbances by severall riotous and tumultuous persons upon the Adventurers parts and proportions in the Great Levell since the same was adjudged dreyned and they put into possession thereof by the Comissioners appointed for that purpose, it is hereby ordered that a solicitor shall be appointed for prosecuting the said riotous and tumultuous persons with effecte who may from tyme to tyme not only take direction from the Companie therein but likewise from tyme to tyme attend councell and manage all business concerning the same so effectually so the said persons may not onely receive due and tymely punishment but the possition of the said Adventurers may be quieted and preserved for the future against such ryotts. And to that ende hee is to take care to have correspondence with the Country, whereby hee may bee informed and have notice of all such thinges as are, or shall be from tyme to tyme, be done in prejudice to the possition of the said Adventurers and have the names of such persons sent up [Page 42] to him as have byn, or shall bee, actors in any such disturbances, as aforesaid. And in perticular, hee is to take care that the authors and actors in the disturbances lately made at Yaxley, Hassett, Stilton, Holme and the rest of the townes in Huntingdon there, shall be most effectually prosecuted. And hereof, he is to give the Companie a stricte account at every meeting. And it is agreed that Thomas Browne, gent out of the members of the Companie, bee desired to bee the said solicitor and John Hopkinson is to acquaint him therewith and to retorne by answer at the next meetinge of the Companie. And in the meantyme the prosecution of this business is to bee sett on foote by the clarke of the Companie.

02/05/51	1	Earl of Bedford, Richard Gorges, Sir Edward Patherich, Alderman Henley, John Marcham, John Carrill, Anthony Hamond, John Trafford, William Weston, Robert Wingfield, Thomas Browne, Marke Bradley, John Fountayne, John Trenchard, Raph Bighton, Colonel Sam Jones, James Ingram, Edward Partherich, Francis Forster
02/05/51	2	Touchinge that of the instructions for the entry of warrants for the comptrollor and to his issuing warrants to the expendor in regard at present the workes are many and farre distant and therefore the comptrollor may delay payment of the workemen, the Companie in way of explanation doe order that if any gents of the Companie upon the workes thinke it necessary to send for money from the expendor before the warrant goeth to or bee entred with the comptrollor that then hee shall subscribe the warrant to the expendor in these words viz - to lett this warrant bee brought though the warrant bee not from the comptrollor and subscribe his name thereto and that shall bee a warrant to the expendor to bring the moneye to the place of payment. But in every such case, the expendor is not to paie out any money on the place of payment but by a particular warrant from the gent that signed the former warrant which shall be his discharge and such some of money so paid shall be certified under such gents hand within a weeke next following to the comptrollor to by him entered.
02/05/51	3	Ordered that a letter be written to the gent that now resides in the Great Levell of the Fennes that the Companie recommended it to their espetiall care to see that there bee noe want of deales, wheelbarrows or materials in order to the speedy going in hand with the banke and workes on the south side of Bedford River and that they would send up word by what tyme the workmen have made contracts to finish the same.
02/05/51	4	[Page 43] The Companie being informed that some persons disaffected to the dreyninge of the Great Levell of the Fennes accordinge to the Act of this present Parliament, give forth that when the presse for soldyers comes unto those partes the workemen upon those workes shall bee pressed away whereby diverse laborious persons who are at worke there for mayntenacce of themselves and their families are fearfull and ready to dessert the workes which if not finished this somer may be very prejudicial to many partes of the adjacent Country, doe therefore direct Mr Stephenson of the Companie to humbly represent this to the Councell of State who have the ordering of the said presse with an humble suyte that they would bee pleased to exempt the poor laborious workmen upon the said workes from beinge pressed away
05/05/51	1	Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Alderman Henley, Anthony Hamond, William Crane, John Trenchard, John Marsham, Captain North, Mr Gorges
05/05/51	2	A copie of the warrant was read over produced by John Hatfield who beinge called in said he received it from Peter Martyn and Robert Mayde, the constables of Thorhaugh upon the soake of Peterborough, whereby it did appeare the Country were about raising mony to hinder their proceedings, whereupon Mr Hamond is desirous to write a letter to Mr Delavall touching the same who is of councell with the Companie.
05/05/51	3	Ordered that Mr Starkey shall have the some of five poundes paid unto him by Mr Jessop which the Companie doe thinke fitt to give unto him for his paynes and care in providing accomodation for the Companie in their journey to Wisbech and Peterborough touchinge the late Acte of Adjudication and this shall be a sufficient discharge to the said Mr Jessop, hee takinge an acquittance for the same
05/05/51	4	Memorand – That the Companie are resolved that if any of their bankes in the Country shall hereafter be lett, they shall only be lett to those that will mow them or

feede them with sheepe and not otherwise

- 05/05/51 5 Agreed that when there is a perfect mappe made the Companie doe resolve to have it printed
- 05/05/51 6 Ordered that a letter be sent unto Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to this effecte in answer to his letter, the Companie retorne his thanks for his care in contriving the indreynes and in carrynge the brookes and rivuletts to theire down fall which, as it was within the order of the Comissioners, so the Companie doe desire him to see the same effectively done and perfected.
- 1 - Part of this touching Glatton and Holme, the Companie say of the Country will apply the themselves to the Comissioners nominated in the Acte and they finde their landes are unequally sett out, the Companie will submitt unto it, they having power to give us other landes accordinge to the Acte in lieu thereof, and there can be noe other course in this or any other of the like nature
- [Page 44]** 2 - Part touchinge Byall Fenne, the Companie will take care for bettering of it after hee hath caused the dykes to be made
- 3 - Part, Whatsoever landes the Companie hath cutt through or they make of use of for new banks must bee paid for, accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, and assurance made what was cut and made use of heretofore, the Companie shall abide by the judgement of the Comissioners
- 4 - As to the 4th part of the letter touchinge division banke, the Companie desire him to speake with those persons and the townes therein concerned, as they are enformed hee did with the inhabitants of Marshland, and also if neede bee to advise with such gents of the Companie as are resident on the workes
- 5 - As to the last part touchinge the banke between Bevis hall and Guyhurne, the same standes referenced by the Lordes and other Comissioners to my Lord Chief Justice St John and until the Companie knows his Lordshipps pleasure therein they can determyn nothing in it.
- 05/05/51 7 Memorandum that Mr Thomas Allen hath nominated Gaulter Frost of Westminster in the County of Middlesex and desires that the 400 acres which hee purchased of the Companie by order bearinge the date 24th February last may be conveyed unto the said Gaulter Frost and his heirs.
- 07/05/51 1 Mr John Russell, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr William Crane, Colonel Robert Castell, Mr Browne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Mepant Jones, Earl of Bedford, Mr Hamond, Mr Gale, Mr Bridges, Mr Downinge, Mr Fountayne, Mr Bradley
- 07/05/51 2 Upon reading Mr Moore's letter dated March 3rd of May instant, it is ordered that a letter be written and sent to the gent of the Companie resident on the workes to desire them to thinke of the nomination of fitt persons to bee employed in keeping the possession after the growndes are driven, and in lookinge there unto.
- 07/05/51 3 As the proportion taken out of Wisbech Highe Fenne, it is ordered that the Companie be made acquainted therewith, and that they bee desired to appoint whether or noe it shall be taken out of the comon next unto it.
- 07/05/51 4 Touching Turffe and Gone Fen out of which 400 acre decreed which are not sett out or divided from the Country, the Companie doe approve the takinge it out of the

whole ground as the letter mentions

- 07/05/51 5 Upon the petition of Mr Blanchard, it is ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Bridges and Mr Jessop or any two of them be desired to examyn the truth of the said and make their report to the Companie, and Sir Thomas Hampson may be then present if hee please. In the meantyme his assurance is not to be sealed
- 07/05/51 6 **[Page 45]** Ordered that Mr Hamond be added to Mr Fountayne, Mr Bridges, Mr Thurloe, and Mr Carrell, the sub-committee formerly nominated in the order of the 30th of April last to take into their consideration the 5th lott for which Mr Henleyes demands £10000 from the Companie or they or any two of them are to examyn and make report to the Companie with all convenient speede.
- 07/05/51 7 Mr Fyennes and Mr Rowse being called in, Mr Fyennes desired the Companie to give them visible security eyther to mayneteyne their new banke at Waldersey made by the Companie, or that beyond, maynteyne the old banke
- Whereupon it was desired that hee would sett downe the proposition in writing and deliver it into the Companie on Friday next whereupon the Companie will retorne an answer thereto in writing on Monday following which hee assented unto.
- 07/05/51 8 Heades of a letter to be sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden s follows:
- To give the Companie an account what hee hath done touchinge raisinge of Marshland banckes as well for security of the Country as themselves
- To remynde him of sendinge up an abstracte of all such workes as hee does intend to make this yeare
- That hee would be very careful to cause Close Crosse dreyne to bee speedily cleered in order to the perfecte finishing of the dreyninge of the north side of Bedford River.
- That the great banke of Bedford River, being let out and began so that there is a necessity that it must be finished this Somer, and therefore to advise him to consider with Mr Burton whether in this want of materrialls, of planks and barrowes and the great charge required to finish the whole lyne, therewith it may not bee both much cheeper and more expeditious where there is want of barrowes and planks to use wicker baskets for the carryinge of earth as they doe in many places in Norffolke and as they doe generally for the raising of fortifications which the Companie upon a full debate doe believe will conduce much to their profit and advantage
- 07/05/51 9 Whereas the Companie are informed that there are certaine howses standinge in and about Erith which by reason of the lyne already drawne, and in regards of the workes now in hand, may come into damage and prejudice, for which satisfaction ought to be made by the Companie, it is thereupon thought fitt and ordered that Mr Hamond be desired, with the assistance of Adventurers now resident on the workes, to treat with all such persons as are prejudiced or concerned herein, that satisfaction may be forthwith made unto them to the best advantage of the Companie and they are to certifie the same to the Companie.
- 07/05/51 10 Memorand – one Adam Jennyngs, a merchant for deales, his howse is in Phillpott Lane London which was late Sir Thomas Smithes howse between Fanchurch Street and Tower Street.

- 07/05/51 11 **[Page 46]** Memorand - Mr Hamond is to have, before hee goes out of towne, a note of the taxes that have byn sett this yeare, whereupon hee hath promised to send up to the Companie a perticular of the workes and estimate of the charge thereof.
- 07/05/51 12 Memorand - The Companie doe resolved to take into their consideration the imposinge of another tax on Friday next
- 09/05/51 1 Earl Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Castell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr John Russell, Mr Downinge, Mr Buskin, Si Edward Partherich, Mr Ingram, Captain North, Colonell Jones, Mr Forster, Mr Gorges
- 09/05/51 2 In pursuance of a former order of Mr Fyennes, delivered in a note or proposition in writinge, which being reade over the Companie, made answer they would returne him an answer thereunto in writing also on Monday next
- 09/05/51 3 Mr Wymershall also informed the Companie that hee had lately received a letter form his tennants at Whittlesey intymating that the Companie had sett out part of his land nere to his howse whereas it was formerly sett out further of, whereupon the Companie did directe him to send his proposition in writing on Monday next, whereupon they would retorne him an answer accordingly
- 09/05/51 4 Whereas as the Companie, in pursuance of a former order taking into their consideration the laying and imposinge another tax, upon some debate touchinge the same and of the necessity thereof, doe thinke fitt and hereby order that a tax of half a crowne an acre bee set and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres in the Acte of Parliament mentioned, as well upon the 80000 acres comprised on the twenty lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres mentioned in the said Acte of Parliament lately assigned to Benjamyn Weston Esqr, his heirs and assigned, and the said tax is hereby ordered to bee paid unto the offices of the treasurye into the hands of the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge at the howse of Robert Henley Esqr nere Temple Barre in the County of Middlesex in manner followinge, viz - the one moytie of 15d for every acre thereof respectively on or before the 15th day of July next cominge, the other moytie or 15d for every acre thereof respectively on or before the 15th day of August next followinge, untill the said two taxes of 1/2 crowne an acre and every part thereof bee fully satisfyed and paid. And in default of payment of the first moytie or 15d an acre payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters **[Page 47]** are hereby ordered to bee sold on the daie of payment of the next moytie of 15d an acre or at any time after. And in default of payment of the other moytie or tax of 15d an acre, payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to be sold on the 15th daie of September next ensuinge or at any time after.
- 09/05/51 5 Answer to a letter received from Mr Culpepper bearinge the date 5th Aprill 1651
1. Touching the imbezellinge of materialls, the Companie would have a watch sett night and day especially about the rivers and on Sabbath daie.
 2. Touching indreynes, they desire Mr Burton to take some other to joyne with him and they to assist Mr Moore for they conceive Mr Burton to be somewhat at leisure since hee has lett out the great workes
 3. Touching the reducinge of overseers, they hope, if upon search they find any unnecessary or unfitt to be imployed, that they have allready eased them of any such unnecessary charge accordinge to the instructions and that they would for the future reduce their number.

4. Touching the comptroule, upon conference with Mr Hamond, it is settled and an additional order (to the instructions made therein) is already sent down which the Companie desire may be pursued

5. Touching the 9 foot dreyne on the inside the workes, the Companie would have the same speedily put in execution. And by all means care is to be taken for perfectinge the south banke on Bedford River and for perfectinge the indreynes on north side of Bedford River

6. That according to a former letter, hee would expressly send up word whether it bee exprest in the contracte the tyme of finishinge Bedford south bancke

7. That care bee taken to make the bancke proportionable and as well to take the proportion of bancke as river and that the banke may not bee made hollow

8. Touching cutting the banke about Downham, the Companie doe very much resent the same and therefore doe desire hee would not fail to send them up the truth of the matter of facte, and whether it was a finished banke or noe, and the name of such as presumes to cutt it with all the circumstances and the best information hee can in it

12/05/51	1	Earl of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Everard, Mr Hamond, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, Mr John Russell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Browne, Mr Carrill, Colonel Castell
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12/05/51	2	Memorandum that a lettter be sent to the gent on the place to call upon Mr Birkworth of Wisbech [Page 48] for the money due for the north side of Wisbech for settinge the sluice at Tidd amounting to about £800. And in case the money bee not raised, to desire of Mr Birkworth the names of the dike reeves and to proceede against them by distres of their goodes accordinge to the Laws of Sewers made at Wisbech.
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12/05/51	3	Memorandum – that Leiuenantt Colonel Francis Underwood be put into the Commission of the place of Northamptonshire and Mr Browne is desired to procure a certificate from Colonel Mallow, Sir John Trenchard and Mr Leman to the Comission of the Crowne
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12/05/51	4	The Companie tooke into debate Mr Feynes and Mr Rowse demands touchinge Waldersey Banke which were as followeth
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- The demands of Mr Fynnes and Mr Rowse concerninge Waldersey Banke bee delivered to the undertakers the 9th May 1651
- That the undertaker give suficient security to satisfie the damage already done them and to save them harme from all trouble and loss that they may suffer by the cutting and the carryinge away a great part of the ancient banke of Waldersey
- That the undertakers doe mainteyne a driftway from Keikes Mill to Hobbs howse and to a gate comonly called the chaine upon Waldersey Banke as hath formerly byn used while the ancient banke was mainteyned

The answer of the Adventurers to the demands of Mr Fyennes and Mr Rowse delivered unto them on the 9th May 1651.

1. There is a great bank made by the said Adventurers 4 tymes better than the old banke
2. As to securitye to be given, they say the Acte of Parliament is a security and noe better can be given
3. They are ready to paie them for their landes and their tennants are allready satisfied
4. Touching Keekes Mill and the driftway, they say it is but a somer way, the question is whether this bee a highway and whether it leads. If it bee a highway, why they should take a toll as they doe
5. The Ring of Waldersey, upon which this waie was made in Kinge James tyme, and therefore it is impossible for anyone to prescribe a way that hath not byn used beyond the memory of man

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| 12/05/51 | 5 | Whereupon it is ordered that Mr Browne, sollicitor to the Companie, bee desired to attend Mr Latch to desire him, as hee is of councell with the Companie, to make a draft of the assurance of the [Page 49] landes in Waldersey, leaving a blank for the number of acres untill the perticulars of the survey bee sent up by Mr Moore the surveyor, and the hee bee first satisfied as touchinge the tithe |
| 12/05/51 | 6 | Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Palmer to desire him that hee would send up word of what evidence or writinge hee had to make 100 acres in Waldersey to bee sett out comon grownd |
| 12/05/51 | 7 | Upon readinge a paper delivered in by Mr Wymershall, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Moore with copies of a letter received by him, and the said paper delivered by him to bee sent unto him that thereupon hee may certifie the Companie hee hath thereof, whereupon such further order will bee taken therein as shall bee meete. |
| 12/05/51 | 8 | Memorand that Mr Fountayne is desired by the Companie that hee would bee pleased to accept of the place my Lord St John formerly did for the good of the Companie |
| 14/05/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Gale, Mr Page, Mr Crane, Mr Alepand Jones, Mr William Weston, Mr Caryll, Mr Hamond, Mr Downing, Mr Trafford, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Bradley, Mr Marsham, Mr Bridges, Mr Ingram |
| 14/05/51 | 2 | Whereas Mr Castell and others on behalfe of the townes of Glatton and Holme did address themselves to the Companie and desired, in regard there were many poore people in the said townes that they may have the land further of sett out from their townes and that the poore might have their landes that are nearer to their townes which hee said was promised by the Companie at their meeting in Peterborough. To this the Companie answered that it was not in their power to doe it but the Comissioners nominated in the Acte were appointed in such and the like cases, to whome, if they thinke fitt, to address themselves, the Companie will joyne with them in it to have it done accordinge to Lyn Law, whereupon after long debate they were desired to withdraw, and in being called in again they did admitt that the Companie has possession and that they have not done any acte against or doe oppose it, they now only desire redres for unequall settinge out of [Page 50] land. They are willinge that the workes of dreyninge should goe on, so as they receive noe prejudice thereby. Upon all which debate the Companie gave the an answer to this effecte. |

Though the Compaie know not of any unequall setting out of the proportion of which the Companie is on possession by the adjudication, yet if the Comissioners shall finde any unequall setting out, according to the Acte they shall bee very willinge it may bee amended so as the Companie may have other parcells sett out accordinge to the Acte of Parliament in lieu thereof.

14/05/51 3 Mr Fynnes his demands and the Adventurers answer thereunto were read over and hee, beinge present, told the Companie hee came to deliver in a paper in writinge, beinge a reply to their answer, which was read over and after some debate the Companie told him that if it did appear that the land was his, it should bee paid for, if it belonges to others it must bee paid in parcells, where upon it is ordered that if Mr Fynnes can produce such writinges as will hold out a tithe to the lands in question, Mr Latch hereby desired to draw up a draft of an assurance and Mr Browne the Companie sollicitor is to attend him touchinge the same.

The Company insisted upon the paper of arreres and Mr Jessop, being called in, read over the names of the defaulters as followeth

1 Robert Scarwen in arrere 9 15d taxes for 50 acres in the 9 lott beinge £28.02.06, besides the 3 taxes due in March and Aprill last, beinge £09.07.06 in all £27.10.00

2 John Russell Esqr in arrere for 3775 acres in the 3rd, 9th, 11th and 14th lotts - £315.12.06

3 Sir Cornelius Vermuyden 400 acres - £870

4 Mr Staunton was to pay 7s 15d taxes for 998 acres in 10th lott, amountinge to £436.12.6 whereof paid £375.16.00, the rest due in arrere £68.16.06

5 John Thurloe and late Sir Miles Sandys 970 acres of the 10th lott

14/05/51 3 Whereas, accordinge to a former order of 23 Aprill last, touching repayment of £247.10.00 to Mr Mainston, Mr Jessop gave the Companie an account thereof, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Jessop doe promise acquittance from the perticular persons concerned therein, such as may discharge the Companie, or from Mr Mainston himself and so theire account.

14/05/51 4 **[Page 51]** Upon receipt of a letter and a paper from Mr Jeffrey Palmer, whereby hee proposeth that the Earle of Westmorland and Mr Edward Bellamy shall be bound to the Earle of Bedford, Edward Russell, Robert Henley and Robert Castell in the some of £700.10.00, with condition thereupon to make a good and sufficient assurance in the law to the Companie of the landes in the said note mentioned within ten years now next ensueing, it is ordered that the said security bee accepted of to the use of the Companie so as the condition of the said bond bee such as the councell of the Companie shall diverte and approve of on their behalfe.

16/05/51 1 Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Edward Patherich. Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Weston

16/05/51 2 Upon motion made by my Lord of Bedford, it is ordered that Mr George Smith, clarke to the Companie, shall have leave to goe out of towne about his Lordships occasions so as hee retorne againe within a fortnight.

16/05/51	3	It is ordered that it bee referred to the sub-committee, formerly nominated in the orders of the 30th Aprill and 7th Maie last touching the 5th lott, and they or any two of them are desired to consider of Sir Cornelius Vermuydens tithe to the said 5th lott, in relation to the Articles of Agreement betweene him and the Companie, and they are desired also to take into consideration what conveyance they thinke fitt to bee made unto him of that parte of the 4000 acres that is already dreynd and they are desired to make their report thereof to the Companie on Wednesdaie next
16/05/51	4	Mr Fyennes and Mr Rowse delivered in certaine queries to the Companie which were read out, whereupon they thought fitt to retorne this answer viz - Upon tender of a conveyance, the Companies councill shall consider which of the propositions presented are in pursuance of the contracte made and, upon perfectinge the conveyance, the Companie will forthwith pay the money
16/05/51	5	Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Browne, Mr John Russell, Mr North, Mr Davis
16/05/51	6	[Page 52] Memorand that the order of the 23 rd Aprill last, touching devisions to bee made betweene Adventurers, bee taken into consideration at a fuller meetinge of the Companie, they conceiving it very inconvenient and doe thereupon desire to propound it at the next meetinge, eyther for alteration or otherwise as shall bee then thought fitt.
16/05/51	7	Memorand. The Companie doe agree (if possible may bee) to determyne all differences betweene them and Mr Fynnes and Mr Burrell on Friday next in the afternoone.
16/05/51	8	Memorand. It is agreed that Mr Latch and Mr Adams bee added to the subcommittee formerly appointed to take into their consideration the fifth lott and, in pursuance of the said order, make their report accordingly.
19/05/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard, Mr Hamond, Mr Issac Jones, Mr Browne, Mr Buffkin, Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Downinge, Mr Vermuyden
19/05/51	2	Whereas the Companie now present, havinge heard all orders touching the 5 th lott, doe conceive that the order of the 27 th of Febuary 1649 is bindinge as to the agreement for ten thousand poundes in money due to Mr Henley for the said lott but they doe not thinke fitt at present to deliver their opinions therein untill Friday next at which tyme they doe resolve to determyn the same peremptorily. In the meane tyme the Companie are to bee adjourned to meete at that tyme.
19/05/51	3	Ordered that Mr Thomas Kenidye shall have the some of eighteene shillings paid unto him by Mr Jessop in full consideration, over and above the some of three poundes formerly paid unto him, for engossinge six skins and a halfe of parchment, beinge one part of the Acte of Adjudication forthwith, as also for payment of the said three poundes. This shall bee a sufficient warrant unto the said Mr Jessop, and it is further ordered that the said Mr Jessop doe also paie unto Mr William Forster the some of fiftie shillings for transcribinge a copie of the mappe of the Great Levell of the Fennes for which also this shall bee his warrant.
19/05/51	4	It is ordered that Mr Trenchard and Mr Hamond bee desired to goe to Mr Fountayne and desire him that hee will bee pleased to acte and doe for the good of the Companie as formerly hee hath done and, in perticular [Page 53] , that hee would bee pleased to bee in the Middle Temple Hall before the Comissioners on Tuesdaie next at two a clocke in the afternoone

23/05/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Downinge, Mr Browne, Mr North, Colonell Jones, Mr Allen, Mr Marsham, Mr Fountayne, Mr Bradley, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Hamond, Mr Page, Mr Baylles
23/05/51	2	Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith paie or cause to bee paid unto Mr Scobell, clarke of the parliament, the some of fortie shillings for his care in keepinge and restoringe of the originall Law of Sewers made at Lynne, comonly called Lynne Law, for which this shall be a discharge to the said Mr Jessop
23/05/51	3	Memorand. That a letter bee written to Mr Claythorpe to lett him know the Companie doe take it very unkindly that hee should deteyne a letter of theires in his handes delivered unto him by Mr Walker three weekes agoe and not yet sent up to the Companie and withall to desire him forthwith to send it up to them
23/05/51	4	Whereas the Lady Fish came to the Companie with Mr Cutts of counsell for her who enformed them that shee had a 3d part of all Mr Rowse his lande in Waldersey of which shee hath byn put unto possession, both in the court of requests and in the chancery, and therefore desires shee might bee heard before the contracte bee determynd betweene the Companie and Mr Rowse, and that Mr Rowse may be present to which the Companie did assent unto
23/05/51	5	<p>Accordinge to a former agreement, the Companie did enter into consideration the ending of all differences betweene them and Mr Fynnes and Burrlee and Mr Morsell, who beinge now present with Mr Johnson of counsell for them, it was agreed as followeth;</p> <p>1) As touchinge the driftway in Waldersey alonge the bancke between March and Wisbech, the Companie doe conceive that the same way that was formerly of right on the old bancke, the same waie shall bee upon the new bancke</p> <p>2) Memorand. That Mr Burrell shall covenant that hee and his wife and Mr Fynnes or one of them are leized in fee simple and that they have full power and lawfully authoritye to bargaine and sell the landes in Waldersey to the trustees of the Companie, free of all incumbrances</p> <p>3) And that Mr Fynnes shall covenant to doe the like with bondes to performe covenants</p>
23/05/51	5	Upon debate touchinge the 5 th lott and in order to a finall determination of Mr Henleyes demandes touchinge the same, as also touchinge all other demandes of the Companie in relation to accoumpts, it was moved that Mr Henley would nominate one and the Companie another [Page 54] of the Companie that may determyne the same and, in case they cannot agree, that they choose a third man to ende and determyn the same. Whereupon it is ordered that it be referenced to Mr Trenchard, chosen by Mr Henley, and Mr Marsham, chosen by the Companie, who are hereby desired to meete tomorrow at nyne of the clock and agree upon some way for an accomodation therein between Mr Henley and the Companie
26/05/51	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr John Marsham, Mr John TrenMchard, Mr William Weston, Mr Hampson, Mr Bradley, Mr Fountayne, Colonell Jones

26/05/51	2	Mr Hampson, one of the members of the Companie, being lately come to towne did acquanite to the Companie that severall french men inhabiting in the Great Levell of the Fennes and desirous to hyre Byall Fenne of the Companie and they will give good security to paye the rent at Michalmas at the rent of allowance if the Companie doe thinke fitt.
26/05/51	3	Ordered that Mr Latch of the councell for the Companie bee desired to consider of Mr Fynnes his proposition and that the appearance may be so drawne that it may not impayre their tithe, and Mr Browne the sollicitor is to attend him touching the same.
28/05/51	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr John Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Isaac Jones, Mr Trafford, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne
28/05/51	2	Upon reading some part of Mr Culpepers letter, it is ordered as touchinge the demand of the towne of Sutton that a letter be written to him as followeth, that the Companie have certaine severalls in or nere the said towne which if the inhabitants thinke may be exchanged acre for acre for all such of their landes as have byn prejudiced or any ways damnified, and as to the other part of the Companies letter at the next meeting, the Companie will retorne a more full and punctuall answer
28/05/51	3	[Page 55] Ordered that a letter bee sent unto Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to this effecte, that the Companie, understandinge that hee hath given order for calling of the workemen from perfecting the several indreyne on the north side of Bedford River and for settinge them on works on the south banke, which if not finished by the ende of October next, they thinke fitt to intimate unto him that it might bee left alone then taken in hand for there will be a double prejudice redownd to the Companie.
28/05/51	4	Memorandum – That the major parte of the Companie now present are willing and doe consent that Mr Henley in lieu of his 5th lott designated to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall have 3000 acres of the remaynder of the 15000 acres, and the 400 acres that were for default of payment of taxes sold unto Mr Allen and that he shall choose out 600 acres part of Sir Charles Harboards, 800 acres in the 16th lott and in case the 3000 acres, afore mentioned, or any part thereof be taken awaie then they will make good 3000 acres more of other landes to bee sett out in lieu thereof. And they doe further declare that if Mr Henley shall accept thereof they conceive that he ought to be well rewarded by the Companie, and as touchinge matter of account between the Companie and him, it is agreed that if Mr Trenchard and Mr Marsham shall offer some expedient unto them on Friday next touchinge the same, the Companie will determyn all differences between them.
28/05/51	5	Ordered that a letter be sent to Lieutenantt Colonel Francis Underwood to this effecte, that the Companie taking notice of a certificate signed by him and Mr Cromwell, read out to the Companie in Middle Temple Hall, whereby they thinke fitt that the Companie should make sufficient able bridges, rayles and gravells, whereupon the Companies conceive that not only at the present but for the future it may prove very prejudicial to them, and they wonder hee would not send up when the tyme of meeting was, that some of councell for the Companie might have byn there. They desire him for the future to forbear to make any such certificate until they be heard therein for here they shall be constreyned to make bridges <i>in infiniti</i> .
28/05/51	6	Whereas the Comissioners at their last meetinge in Middle Temple Hall, upon havinge the certificate upon the order of reference in touchinge the inhabitants of Ramsey, did order that the same certificate bee confirmed unles the Adventurers at their next meeting shew cause to the contrary. Whereupon it is now ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Adams, Mr Carrill, Mr Marsham, and Mr Latch or any two of them bee

desired to consider of an answer they thinke fitt for the Companie to make to the said Comissioners and they would frame certaine breviates of the same to bee ready against their next meetinge

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| 28/05/51 | 7 | Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith paie Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell twenty poundes accordinge to the order of the Comissioners made in the Middle Temple 17 of this instant May |
| 30/05/51 | 1 | [Page 56] Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr William Weston, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Baylles, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Martham, Mr Downing, Mr Alepand Jones, Mr Buskin |
| 30/05/51 | 2 | Whereas the two 15d taxes payable the 15th Aprill last, beinge sett and imposed upon 400 acres of Adventurer landes in the fifth lott belonginge to Robert Henley Jnr are hitherto unpaid, now forasmuch as Robert Henley Snr Esqr hath offered to give two shillings and six pence an acre for the purchase of the said 400 acres, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and noe man offeringe more for the purchase of the same, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 400 acres unto the said Robert Henley Snr to have and to hold unto him the said Robert Henley Snr, his heirs and assigned provided that hee, the said Robert Henley Snr, doe on Monday or Tuesday next pay in the purchase money, beinge the some of fiftie poundes unto Mr William Jessop receivor of the Companaie, otherwise this order of sale to bee void accordinge to an order of the 26th Aprill last and it is further ordered that upon payment of the purchase mony, in manner as aforesaid, hee the said Robert Henley Snr shall have an assurance of the said fower hundred acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires, or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs |
| 30/05/51 | 2 | Upon readinge of the order of the 27th February 1649 touching Mr Henleys 5th lott, a question was put whether or noe the Companie doe conceive by this order that Mr Henley should pay taxes for the part of the landes in the said lott now adjudged dreynd and of which Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is in possession, whereupon Mr Latch, Mr Bayles, Mr Andrew Henley and Mr Downinge delivered their opinions that hee ought not be pay taxes for that part of the said adjudged landes, but Mr Marsham declared his opinion to be that the said order was very ambiguously drawne and therefore could not judge of it. |
| 30/05/51 | 3 | Memorand that upon readinge the paper of arreres, it is thought fitt that Mr Ingrams next tax bee not received unles hee pay in the £3 which hee stands charged with as arrere upon the last yeares taxes |
| 30/05/51 | 4 | Memorand that Mr Scrawens 50 acres in the 9th lott are to be exposed to sale unles the arreres bee paid on Monday next |
| 30/05/51 | 5 | Memorand that a letter bee sent to the surveyor to desire him forthwith to send up the true account betweene the Companie and Mr John Russell touching his landes cutt through, in regard hee is in arrere to the Companie £315.17.06 which hee demands as a deduction for his taxes which was sent accordingly |
| 02/06/51 | 1 | [Page 57] Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Browne, Mr Gorges, Mr William Weston |
| 02/06/51 | 1 | In pursuance of an agreement made 23rd May last in order to the endinge of all differences between the Companie, Mr Fynnes and Mr Burrell, it is now thought fitt that upon their sealinge the conveyance now prepared and upon their answer to a bill exchanged in chancery, Mr Jessop is ordered forthwith to pay unto the said Mr Fynnes |

the some of two hundred nynety one poundes thirteene shillings and nyne pence, whereof one hundred poundes bee by them deposited in the hands of Robert Henley Esquire untill they procure the resale to bee sealed by the Lord Say for which the said Mr Henley hath given his bond

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| 02/06/51 | 2 | Ordered that a letter be sent to Mr Culpeper in answer to his letter of 29th May last touching the blowing up or a tonnel, that a letter was sent to Christaine to let him know that the Companie take notice of it as his neglect and that he take more care for the future |
| 02/06/51 | 3 | Ordered that a letter also be sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for the speedy going on of the division dykes and perfectinge the north side before he engage to farre on the south, it being expressedly desired by my Lord St John and the Companie that care be taken therein |
| 02/06/51 | 4 | Mr Jessop came and acquainted the Companie hee had lately received a letter from the expendor, wherein hee hath charged him with bills for the weeke amountinge to £2700 and that the last week there was paid about £4000 and therefore desired they would take it into their consideration and provide a supply of money accordingly |
| 02/06/51 | 5 | Whereas upon a longe debate touchinge the references upon the petitions of Glatton and Holme and Yaxely upon the Comissioners order at their last meeting, Mr Claphorne now beinge present did advise the Companie that they would admitt of noe reference but such as should be determined by the Comissioners nominated in the Acte upon the severall inconveniences which hee alledged would ensue, whereupon it is agreed to meete the Lord Comissioners tomorrow morninge about 8 a clocke except against the persons named in the said townes, as also to signifie reasons unto the Comissioners why they ought not in the generall to submitt to any reference other than to such persons made in the Acte. |
| 02/06/51 | 6 | Ordered that Mr Seargent Barnard bee reteyned of councell for the Companie and hee have £3 given him as a reteyning fee, as also Mr Seargent Earle is desired to bee of councell with the Companie and hee is to have given him 40s as his reteyning fee |
| 02/06/51 | 7 | Ordered that Mr Jessop do forthwith paie unto Mr Browne sollicitor to the Companie the some of twenty poundes which is to be by him disbursed for fees and other incidents for the Companie for which hee is to give account |
| 04/06/51 | 1 | [Page 58] Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Carrell, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr William Weston, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Browne, Mr Williams, Mr Ingram |
| 04/06/51 | 2 | Whereas upon direction of the Lords and other Comissioners both at Peterborough and since, and in pursuance of severall letters from the Lord St John and of severall orders of the Companie, it is resolved and ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall forthwith perfectly finish workes on the north side of Bedford River and, in perticular, to take care that the northe banke of the Bedford River bee forthwith repayred and flagged. As also Whittlesey Dike, Bevills Leam, Pophams Eau and Clowes Crosse dreynes be effectually and speedily taken in hand and all other brookes and rills bee carried away to the outfall, and also that all of the division dreynes and indykes bee speedily perfected. And it is further ordered that the nyne persons of the comptroll or any 5 of them, in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement made with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, bee desired to take this into their consideration and consider how the same may be effectually done and presented, and that they would make some order therein as they shall thinke fitt |

04/06/51	3	Ordered that a letter be written to the gent upon the place to desire that they would see the order of comptroll put in execution and also for discharge of workmen that have byn displaced and now entertayned again contrary to the Companie order. As also touching making of bridges, they desire they would take into their consideration what bridges they are to make, whether they shall bee put so great charge, when, as St Ives Law setts out the number that are to bee made, but none espetially untill the north side of Bedford River bee fully perfected.
04/06/51	4	Ordered that all such workemen as have been put out by any order or orders of the Companie bee not entertayned again into any service on the Companie. In perticular, John Lawrence, John Newton, and one Bowers. And the member of the Companie resident on the workes are desired to see this put into execution.
04/06/51	5	Whereas 1428 acres and a halfe in the 11th and 19th lotts are claymed by Sir Henry Henne, Sir Thomas Hampson and Sir David Watkins and they doe desire to paie in all taxes in arrere upon the same, it is thought fitt and hereby ordered that Mr Jessop do <i>bene esse</i> receive all the taxes in arrere for the same of them, the said Sir Thomas Hampson Snr, Henry Henne and Sir David Watkins without any prejudice to any other person or persons
04/06/51	6	<p>Wee whose names are here underwritten, taking into consideration the order of the Adventurers being dated the 4th June instant, doe upon the mighty groundes and reasons in the said order, alleged and in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement made with Sir [Page 59] Cornelius Vermuyden, thinke fitt and hereby order that the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden forthwith perfectly finish the workes on the north side of Bedford River and, in perticular, take care that the north banke of Bedford River bee first forthwith repayed and flagged and also that Whittlesey Dike, Bevills Leam, Pophams Eau and Clowes Crosse Dreyne bee effectually and speedily be taken in hand and all other brookes and rills be carryed away to the outfall. And also that all the division dykes and indikes bee speedily perfected. And it is expected that the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe shortly observe this order</p> <p>Bedford Richard Gorges Miles Sandys Robert Henley John Latch</p>
06/06/51	1	Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr Fountayne, Mr William Weston, Mr John Russell, Mr Browne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Wage, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Allen, Mr Trafford
06/06/51	2	Ordered that a letter be sent to Mr Moore, the surveyor to desire him to survey and to certifie unto the Companie what landes of Mr Russells in or nere Whittlesey are cutt through and prejudiced
06/06/51	3	Memorandum that 200 acres in the 14th lott be entered in the tax roll under the names John Russell and Edward Russell Esquires.
06/06/51	4	Memorandum that the arrere upon 3600 acres in the first lott bee left out of the paper of arreres in regard of the order made at Peterborough by the Companie. As also Mr Ingram to bee left out and hee is to pay in the £3.01.00 or else his taxes not bee received.

06/06/51	5	Ordered that Mr Scawren doe pay in the taxed arrere for £50 in the 9th lott, otherwise his landes are to be sold on Friday next.
06/06/51	6	Whereas 400 acres of Adventurer landes formerly belonginge to Mr Vermuyden for non payment of the purchase money sold unto Mr Thomas Allen, since which the said Mr Allen hath assigned over his right and tithe to Mr Frost, whereupon the clerke is to attende Mr Frost to know if hee will pay in £870 the purchase money betweene this and Friday next, otherwise Mr Allen will pay the same and take it in his owne name.
06/06/51	7	Mr Allen hath engaged to pay £146 for Mr Walker, St John and John Trenchard by Friday next
06/06/51	8	Ordered, upon readinge over the severall papers of arreres, that all defaulters landes that are in arreres in payinge the tax due in March last bee exposed to sale on Friday next, and it is further ordered that all defaulters landes in paying the tax due in April last are hereby ordered to be sold on Monday come sennight next
09/06/51	1	[Page 60] Earl of Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr John Russell, Mr Page
09/06/51	2	Ordered that Mr Latch bee desired to divide the sixteenth lott into fower partes as equally as hee can and deliver the same in writing to the Companie as soon as conveniently he can
09/06/51	3	Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Arthur to examyn the bargain lately made by Francis Burrows for the dividing the Adventurers land part in Borough Great Fenne from the Countreyes part there, and if hee finde the Companie are wronged in and by the charge of that worke (as they are enformed) then to take such course with one or two more of the gents on the workes that so much of the money for that worke be stopped as they shall finde the Companie abused in, and that the said Burrows bee discharged out of their service and to be employed noe more.
09/06/51	4	Whereas the condition of a bond drawne by Mr Jeffery Palmer was read over touching the Earl of Westmorlands landes cut through and prejudiced about Stanground, as touching which the Companie desired 4 things 1 that the assurance bee drawne and made in a reasonable tyme after the younge lande comes of age. 2 that the landes be better bounded then is fitt for such condition 3 to be freed of incumbrances against all the Earls ancestors 4th that it bee to the use of the Companie conveyed to the 4 trustees where upon Mr Browne is desired to attend Mr Latch of councell which the Companie to whome this is referred to consider of the perticulers, and what else hee shall thinke requisite to be added for security to the Companie
09/06/51	5	Whereas motion was made that a man might on purpose goe downe and be employed in seeinge the division dykes made with all convenient speede for deviding the Adventurers parts from the Country and My Charles Lawrence beinge propounded as fitt person for the said imployment, it was thought fitt and ordered that the said Charles Lawrence bee recommended to the members of the Companie resident on the workes and they are desired to divert him to Mr Moore there surveyor to the ende hee may take on instructions from him where the landes are and in what is to be

done in every place. And it is further ordered that the said Mr Lawrence shall have an allowance of fiftene shillings a weeke to begin from the tyme he first he enters upon the said employment to be paid to him by the expendor.

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| 11/06/51 | 1 | Earle Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Crane, Mr Isaac Jones, Colonell Raph Castell, Mr Browne, Mr Forster, Mr Wakefield, Mr John Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Sir Edward Patherich |
| 11/06/51 | 2 | [Page 61] Ordered than Mr Henleys business touching the 5th lott and touchinge all accounts bee taken into consideration, and some conclusion made therein peremptorily on Friday next, and Mr Crane and Mr Fountayne bee added to the sub-committee formerly initiated in the order of 23rd May, and they or any three of them are in the mean tyme desired to consider on some propositions to be made unto the Companie in order to a final determynation, whereof they, taking into their consideration the said order of the 23rd May last, are desired to meete tomorrow about 2 a clock in the afternoone. |
| 11/06/51 | 3 | Upon motion of Mr Benjamin Weston Esquire and of the members of the Companie touchinge certain landes of his which hee alledged are cut through and prejudiced, lying in North Fen nere Whittlesey and therefore desired some order for the surveying thereof, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Moore their surveyor bee desired with all convenient speede to view and survey the said landes and send up an account to the Companie which quantitie the said Mr Weston hath had cutt through and prejudiced, and a letter be sent to Mr Moore with this order enclosed. |
| 11/06/51 | 4 | Ordered that Mr Thomas Brackinge bee joyned with Mr Charles Lawrence, nominated in the order made on Monday last, for the takinge care to see the Adventurers parts devided from the Country, and the Adventurers resident on the workes are desired to confer amongst themselves what is fitt to be done in order for the making of contracts and touching the settings of prices as also to appointe fitt workemen to doe the same, and the said Mr Lawrence and Brackinge are to oversee them. And the said Mr Brackinge is to have the same allowance as Mr Lawrence hath viz - 15s a weeke to begin from the tyme hee enters upon the said employment to bee paid unto him by the expendor. |
| 11/06/51 | 5 | Heades of a letter ordered to bee sent to Mr Hamond in answer to his letter of the 9th June instant. |

As touching the setting of a sasse upon old Owse nere Erith, the 9 persons of the comptroll are desired to order that hee forbear to sett the same for 2 months longer and untill in the mean tyme other more materiall workes of the Companie bee prosecuted and finished.

And where they are informed that the south banke of Mortons Leam is very much prejudiced and worne away by contynuall passages made over it with cattell about three deepe and it is conceived that the £5 expence on the olde banke will make it sufficient and so preserve the other banke. And they being also informed that the north banke of Morton's Leam is in many places in the lande side very much worne away with the floodes last winter.

And that the banke from Crowland to Brother howse is also in many places weake and defective, beinge made of ill earth, all which the Companie desire him to take into consideration and conferre with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden about the same and to know whether hee does resolve to repayre and make good the severall banckes and all other workes on the north side of Beford River in pursuance of the judgement

lately obteyned for the part of the levell.

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| 11/06/51 | 6 | [Page 62] And whereas the Companie are enformed to their great dissatisfaction that nothinge is done for removing clay beds at the Horseshoe, they desire him to bee very earnest with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for a speedy and effectual course to bee forthwith taken for the digging away and cleere removal of those clay beds before the season of the yeare bee too farre spent. |
| 11/06/51 | 7 | Memorand that upon faylor of retornes of money, the treasurer for warre may bee solicited to furnish the Companie with retornes answerable to their occasions. |
| 11/06/51 | 8 | Memorand that the nyne persons of the comptroll, or any five of them, bee desired to meete tomorrow afternoone, perticularly to take into consideration what workes are further necessary to bee done touching the fully perfectinge of the dreyninge of the north side of Bedford River and to make some order of comptroll therein as they shall thinke fitt to bee forthwith sent down to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden |
| 11/06/51 | 9 | Whereas wee, whose names are hereunder written, received as yett noe answer to the order of comptroll of the 5 th June instant sent downe inclosed in a letter to Mr Hamond for the speeding goinge on with the perfect dreyninge of the north side of Bedford River, wee of the comptroll, according to the Articles of Agreement made between the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and the Companie, and in further consideration of the aforesaid order, that in the first place the bancke on the north side of Bedford River bee forthwith repayed and made good and that Popham's Eau and Clowes Crosse dreynes bee opened and made perfecte dreynes and that all other bankes within the levell on the north side of Bedford River bee speedily repayed and amended. As also it is further ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe forbear the makinge any contracte or doinge anythinge in order to the setting of a sasse on old Owse untill hee hath further order and until theis severall workes on the north side of Bedford River bee finished. |
| 11/06/51 | 10 | Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond with the order of comptroll enclosed to desire him to communicate the same to the gent on the workes to desire they would see the same putt in execution and that they would contrive it so that the gent on the workes may take care of the workes designed to bee done and that each may have his perticuler worke to take care of to bee done. And the Mr Hamond send up word what is done upon the last order of comptroll sent downe in a letter to him.

William Bedford
Myles Sandys
Edward Partherich
Richard Gorges
Robert Henley
Robert Castell |
| 13/06/51 | 1 | [Page 63] Earle Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, Mr Carrill, Mr Isaac Jones, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Gorges, Mr Thomas Allend, Mr Forster, Mr Fountayne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Downinge, Mr Gale, Mr Page, Mr Trafford |
| 13/06/51 | 2 | Resolved that as many of the Companie as can doe goe downe into the Great Levell of the Fennes about a fortnight after the order of this terme and in perticular that six of the nyne persons of the comptroll bee desired to goe downe, and that it bee taken into consideration on Monday next who are the perticular persons that will goe |

downe and the certaine tyme when

11/06/51 3 The propositions of Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne and Mr Crane touchinge reconciling the differences betweene Mr Henley and the Companie accordinge to an order of refference of the 11th day of June instant 1651

11/06/51 4 Mr Henley demands from the Companie £50 per acre for his 5th lott to bee paid presently for so much thereof as is adjudged dreynd and the residue upon the future adjudication

The Companie demands from Mr Henley upon his account (which is the thinge referred to us) £1831.05.09 as so much demanded upon his account which hee hath noe warrant for.

To reconcile their differences wee propownd that as touchinge 2500 acres belonginge to Mr Henley in the 5th lott, the Companie shall passe all theire interest in 1000 acres in Byall Fenne and 937 acres part of Woodwalton Comon and 100 acres of Higney grownds, (beinge now parcell of the twenty lotts), and Mr Henley to take them charged as they now stand for making good the 10000 acres formerly sold and if any part of these bee taken away or evicted, Mr Henley to have the landes which shall bee sett out by the Commissioners in lieu of what shall bee taken away, and to make up these parcells (beinge 2037 acres) 2500 acres. Mr Henley is to have 436 acres indifferently sett out of the 963 acres belonginge to the Companies part of Holme Fenne (but that part of the said fenne intended for a receptacle to bee noe part of the said 463 acres). And if any part of the said 463 acres bee taken away, hee is to have landes of equall value in lieu of what shall bee soe taken away or after the rate of 50s the acre at the declaration of the Company for the residence of the said Mr Henleys 5th lott above the said 2500 acres the Companie is to allow him after the rate of 50s the acre.

As touchinge the money upon accoumpt referred to us betweene Mr Henley and the Companie beinge £183.06.09, doe propound that as to £898 parte thereof consistinge of these 4 somes viz -

For passinge some actes of sewers £149.13.4

For passinge privie seales £403.06.08

Given his for his paynes £200.00.00

Arisen following the Acte of Parliament 1641 & 1642 £142.00.00

Total £898

That Mr Henley shall expecte his satisfaction for these things **[Page 64]** beinge before the Acte of Parliament out of the old arreres due before the Acte of Parliament and noe charge the Companie otherwise with the same.

And for £933.06.09 residue of the said £1831.06.09, if all other the thinges before mentioned bee agreed, we doe propound that the Companie would give allowance of the same.

viz:

following the Acte of Parliament - £450.00.00

following the business of 10,000 acres - £233.06.09

moneye laid out for the Adventurers - £150.00.00

for charges for passing of the Acte - £100.00.00

£ 933.06.09

- 13/06/51 4 Upon all which and upon a long debate touching the same and in order to a final determination of all differences touching the 5th lott as touching all other demands between Mr Henley and the Companie, it was thought fitt that Mr Trenchard should deliver the sense of the Companie to this effecte
- That they, taking up the whole proposition in writinge seriously into consideration, have agreed to the same and if Mr Henley will doe the like they will make an order therein accordingly
- Upon this, Mr Henley, beinge called in, desired that (out of the £898 in the paper propounded hee should expect out of the arreres) £699 thereof might be out of the first lott but hee did agree to their propositions with theis additional votes hereafter following which were part of the question and resolved
- That if Mr Henley be evicted by a signed tithe then hee is to have £50 an acre for so much as hee is evicted of the whole 2500 acres
- Whether Mr Henley shall bee satisfyed £898 out of the old debts and arreres before the Acte which is resolved here shall bee beinge also put to the question, whereupon Mr Henley beinge desired hath put his hand hereunto.
- 16/06/51 1 Earl Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Caryll, Mr Trenchard, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Gorges, Mr Andrew Henley, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr John Russell, Mr Browne, Mr Hampson, Mr Alepand Jones, Mr Crane, Mr Fountayne, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Page
- 16/06/51 2 Three letters were read over from Mr Hamond, another from Mr Culpeper and the 3rd from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and some debate was had touchinge Sir Cornelius Vermuydens letter whereupon the Companie were not at all satisfyed touching the answer they did expecte to the orders of comptroll lately sent downe unto him but for the present were very much dissatisfyed therein
- 16/06/51 3 Whereas the Companie, takinge into their consideration their order made on Friday last touchinge their going downe into the Great Levell of the Fennes, do resolve and agree to goe downe this day fortnight unles some order in the **[Page 65]** meanetyme bee made by the Companie to the contrary and to meete at St Ives Wednesdaie next coming fortnighte
- 16/06/51 4 Upon readinge the propositions presented to the Companie on Friday last, as also the two votes that passed thereupon without mentioninge any securitye for the signed tithe which the Companie thought not fitt to bee obliged in, in regard the security by the Acte of Parliament is sufficient, Mr Henley is contented to accept such assurance to bee made to the effect as is made for the 10000 acres and by way of exchange for his 2500 acres in lieu, onely this 2500 acres to stand charged accordinge to the propositions of Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne and Mr Crane.
- 16/06/51 5 A petition or remonstrance in writing of Sir David Watkins being read over to the Companie, it was thought fitt that Mr Gorges, Mr Castell and Mr Crane, or any two of them, bee desired to take the same into their consideration and forthwith, if possible, maybee to ende the differences betweene Mr Latch, Sir Henry Fenn and Sir David Watkins and Sir Thomas Hampson, or make some report to the Companie how they finde the same.

16/06/51	6	Memorand rhat Mr Matthew Longe hath nominated Mr John Watts of London gent, and desires that the 1095 acres which hee purchased of the Companie for non payment of taxes may bee conveyed unto the said Mr John Watts and his heires.
18/06/51	1	Mr Adam Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Carrill, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Browne, Mr Hampson, Mr Trafford, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Gorges, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr John Russell, Mr Crane, Mr North, Mr William Weston, Mr Downinge
18/06/51	2	Memorand - The Companie understandinge that Mr Baldwyn Arthur in regard of his private occasion cannott attend the generall service of the Companie, it is thought fitt a letter should be sent unto him to lett him know the Companie takes notice thereof and desire him to attend his owne business in the future.
18/06/51	3	Memorand - Upon readinge Mr Hamonds letter, the Companie doe declare that upon makinge of a banke, they have allways directed that a 9 foote indreyne should be made to them
18/06/51	4	Memorand - Upon readinge a paper delivered in by Mr Perkins with a copie of a law of sewers concerninge the outringe banke from Brotherhowse to Spaldinge high bridge, it was thought fitt that a letter first be sent to Colonell Walton touchinge the same.
18/06/51	5	Whereas the Companie were acquainted by Mr John Russell that his Adventurers landes were taxed with the payment of assessment to the Comonwealth, and therefore desired their advice and that they would consider some way in generall for the freeinge the Adventurer lands from payment of taxes and assessment untill they have made some benefitt thereby, whereupon after a long debate it is agreed and thought fitt that this busines bee the first busines to be taken into consideration of Friday next
18/06/51	6	[Page 66] Memorand. Mr Pope of Over came to the Companie on behalfe of the said towne touchinge some prejudice hee alledged the said towne will receive by reason of a dam there designed by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, whereupon the Companie made answer that they would take the same into their consideration at the next meetinge in the Levell and accordingly they resolved to meete at St Ives the second day of July next.
18/06/51	7	Upon readinge Mr Allens letter, the Companie resolved to accept of his offer in the said letter for payment of the tax arrere by the Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr John and Mr Thurloe
20/06/51	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Fountayhe, Mr Adams, Mr Latch, Mr Isaac Jones, Colonell Robert Castell, Captain North, Mr Browne, Mr Robert Hampson, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr John Russell, Mr Allen, Mr Bradley, Mr Caryll, Mr Wakefield
20/06/51	2	Memorand that noe landes bee sold by any perticular Adventurer untill all the arreres of taxes bee paid and hee is not to be entered upon the tax roll untill such tyme as the arreres be paid unles some perticular person doe sell a proportion of land to bee indifferently sett out and the taxes of that also bee first paid
20/06/51	3	Whereas Mr Stephens did contracte with the Companie for the purchase of 5900 acres of Adventurers landes by order of the 19th Aprill last at the rate of 3s 9d an acre amountinge to the some of £1105.05.00, £612.15.00 parte thereof is allready paid

and £192.10.00s beinge in arrere as also £737.10.00 beinge another 1/2 crowne tax due in May last is also in arrere, amountinge in the whole unto £1230, it is though fitt and ordered that the said order of sale shall bee frustrate and made void and to all intents and purposes until the taxes in arrere for the said 5900 acres bee paid in by Thursday next

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| 20/06/51 | 4 | Whereas 500 acres of Adventurers landes late belonginge to John Holland and Fabyan Phillips in the 13th lott, for default of payment of the taxes due in Aprill and May last, were exposed to sale and whereas John Fountayne Esqr now present hath offered to give seaven shillinges ten pence an acre for the said landes and to pay all future taxes growinge due for the same in consideration whereof and for so much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said Adventurers lands, the Companie now present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 500 acres unto the said John Fountayne and his heirs [Page 67] to have and to hold the said 500 acres unto him the said John Fountayne, his heirs and assigned for which hee hath agreed to pay unto Mr William Jessop for the use of the Companie 7s 10d for every acre thereof and to pay all future taxes growinge due for the same. And it is ordered that the said John Fountayne shall have an assurance of the said 500 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs provided that if hee the said John Fountayne shall not pay in the said purchase by Thursday next then this order of the sale is to bee void. |
| 20/06/51 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith pay unto Mr Thomas Browne the some of twelve poundes which hee is to disburse and laye out for the service of the Companie and in perticular for enrolling of the Acte of Adjudication and severall deposition, of such the said Mr Browne is to give warrant to the Companie, and this is Mr Jessops warrant. |
| 20/06/51 | 6 | Whereas certain land in Horse Croft and Felden nere Whittlesey in order to the dreyninge of the Great Levell have byn cutt through and prejudiced, which land (as the Companie are informed) doth belonge to the Earl of Portland, it is ordered that Mr Moore their surveyor doe with all convenient speede survey and admeasure the aforesaid lands and send up an account to the Companie with quantity of the said landes cut through and prejudiced. |
| 20/06/51 | 7 | Memorand - That the 16th lott by consent of the parties concerned and interested and by order of the Companie was by Mr Latch divided into 4 parts marked with the severall letters of A, B, C and D and Mr Henley on the behalfe of the Companie and Mr Stephens was desired to draw that part that belonges to them, whereupon the lotts beinge cast Mr Henley drew the letter A for the Companie and Mr Stephens the others lotts and shares marked with, B, C and D fell to Mr Crane which hee did accept of, whereupon it is ordered that the same bee entred into the booke of entryes of the Companie. |
| 24/06/51 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Browne, Mr North, Mr Fountayne, Mr John Russell |
| 24/06/51 | 2 | Memorand that Mr Fountayne or Mr Caryll bee desired to peruse the draft of a conveyance of 400 acres purchased by Mr Frost that the same may be prepared ready to bee enclosed and sealed with all convenient speede in regards that the purchase money is already paid. |
| 24/06/51 | 3 | [Page 68] Ordered upon request of Mr Moore surveyor to the Companie that Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, their expeditor, doe forthwith paie or cause to bee |

paid unto the said Mr Moore the some of thirtye poundes beinge the remaynder of one quarter sallary of £50 due to him the 2nd daie of this instant month, the other twenty poundes hee havinge allready received in the Country

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| 24/06/51 | 4 | Memorand that Mr Fountayne does hereby relinquish all his interest in the purchase of 500 acres belonging to Mr Holland and Mr Phillips so as they pay in all arreres of taxes due owing to this daie, beinge so much as Mr Fountayne was to pay for the purchase of the said 500 acres |
| 24/06/51 | 5 | The Companie doe declare that if Mr John and Mr Edward Russell shall devide their Adventurers landes and subscribe their decision and cause the same by their consents certified to bee entered in the booke of enrollment, after the same shall bee enrolled they may then bee severally entered in the tax roll accordinge to their said proportions of land |
| 24/06/51 | 6 | Ordered the Mr Jessop doe receive money for taxes of and from all such Adventurers whose names are entered in the tax roll and to give acquittance accordingly and not otherwise |
| 24/06/51 | 7 | For as much as Mr Matthew Longe, havinge purchased severall landes of the Companie according to two severall orders of the Companie bearinge date of the 19th Aprill last, and the money not yett beinge paid, it is ordered that the said too orders of sale bee frustrate and made void unles the purchase money bee all paid in by Wednesay next |
| 25/06/51 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr William Crane, Mr North, Mr Thomas Allen, Mr Browne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr William Weston, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr John Arthur, Mr Robert Hampson |
| 25/06/51 | 2 | Ordered that a letter bee forthwith sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that the Companie doe resolve to goe downe into the Great Levell of the Fennes whereupon hee is desired to forbear to take his intended journey to London but that hee bee sure to meete them at St Ives on Wednesdaie next and stay there till they come |
| 25/06/51 | 3 | The question beinge putt whether or noe another tax of 15d per acre shall bee sett and imposed, it was resolved in the affirmative. |
| 25/06/51 | 4 | Another question beinge also putt whether or noe the same tax bee now sett and imposed and made payable in the 8th July next, and the landes of such defaulters to bee sold on the 15th of the same month, it was also resolved in the affirmative. |
| 25/06/51 | 5 | [Page 69] Whereas the Companie, takinge into their serious consideration the necesssity of layinge and imposing another tax doe hereby thinke fitt and order that a tax of 15d an acre bee sett and imposed upon the entire 95000 acres as well as the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts and shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acre mentioned in the Acte of Parliament lately assigned by the Companie to Benjamyn Weston Esqr, his heirs and assigned, and the said tax is imposed accordingly and ordered to bee paid to the office of the treasury unto the receivor, for the tyme beinge at Mr Henleys howse nere Temple Barr in the parish of St Clemens Dane in the County of Middlesex, in manner followinge viz - 15d for every acre thereof respectively on or before the eight day of July next untill the said tax of 15d an acre and every parte thereof bee fully satisfied and paid and in default of payment of the said tax of 15d and payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold on any 15th day of July one thousand six hundred and fifty one or at any time after. |

- 27/06/51 1 Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Robert Henley, Mr John Arthur, Mr John Russell, Mr Gale, Mr Fountayne, Mr Browne, Mr Edward Partherich, Mr Downinge, Mr Page
- 27/06/51 2 Whereas the 4 15 d taxes payable in March, Aprill and May last were sett and imposed upon 500 acres of Adventurers land lately belonginge to Sir Thomas Gardener in the 8th lott which are hither to unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstanding severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed to payment thereof, now for as much the said landes being this daie exposed to sale and Mr John Cardroe beinge present hath offered £125, the 4 taxes arrere for the same and hee hath also offered to paie £31.05.00 more, beinge one other 15d tax due and payable the 16th June instant, amountinge in all to the some of £156.05.00, in consideration thereof and forasmuch as beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 500 acres unto the said Mr Cardroe and his heirs to have and to hold the said 500 acres of Adventurers lande unto him **[Page 70]** the said John Cardroe his heires and assigned, provided that the said Mr Cardroe doe on Thursdaie next pay in the said some of £156.06.05 unto Mr Jessop receivor for the Companie, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some in the manner as aforesaid, hee the said Mr Cardroe shall have an assurance of the said 500 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs
- 27/06/51 3 Whereas the two 15d taxes due and payable on the 15th May last past were sett and imposed upon 416 acres and a halfe lately belonginge to James Ingram Esqr in the sixth lott which taxes are hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme have byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch now as the said 416 1/2 acres this daie beinge exposed to sale and Mr John Arthur now present hath offered £52.01.03 for the 2 15d taxes due and arrere for the same and hee hath also offered to paie £26.07.00 more, beinge one other 15d tax due and payable the 16th June instant and £3.01.00 arrere upon the said land amountinge to the some of seventy eight poundes and five shillings, and hath agreed to pay one hundred and thirty one poundes in all, 210 poundes and on all future taxes growinge due for the said lande, in consideration thereof and forasmuch as beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 416 1/2 acres of Adventurers unto the said John Arthur and his heirs to have and to hold the said 416 1/2 acres of Adventurers lande unto him the said John Arthur, his heires and assigned, provided that the said Mr John Arthur doe on Thursdaie next pay in the said some of £210.00 unto Mr Jessop Receivor for the Companie, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some in the manner as aforesaid, hee the said John Arthur shall have an assurance of the said 416 1/2 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs, and the surplusage is to bee restored to the right owner accordinge to the Acte of Parliament.
- 27/06/51 4 Whereas the two 15d taxes due and payable on the 15th May last past were sett and imposed upon 287 acres and a halfe lately belonginge to Robert Wingfield Esqr in the 10th lott which taxes are hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now for as much as the said 287 acres this daie beinge exposed to sale and

Richard Gorges Esqr now present hath offered £110 for the 2 15d taxes due and arrere for the same, and hee hath also offered to paie all future taxes for the same, in consideration thereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie present in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 287 acres unto the said **[Page 71]** Richard Gorges and his heirs to have and to hold the said 287 acres of Adventurers lande unto him the said Richard Gorges, his heires and assigned, provided that the said Richard Gorges doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop, receivor for the Companie, the said some of £100 on Thursdaie, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some in the manner as aforesaid, hee the said Richard Gorges shall have an assurance of the said 287 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs and the said Mr Jessop is to restore to the said Mr Wingfield, the surplusage over and above the taxes from him due as aforesaid.

- 27/06/51 5 Whereas the two 15d taxes due and payable on the 15th May last past were sett and imposed upon 500 acres part of 998 acres in the 10th lott belonging to Robert Staunton Esqr should have byn paid the 15th May last past but the said taxes are hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch the said 500 acres are exposed to sale and Mr Robert Gale, now present, hath offered to pay the taxes in arrere for the whole 998 acres, amountinge to the some of £124.12.00 and £31.05.00 being due for the tax of 15d an acre payable 10th June instant, hee the said Robert Gale hath offered to give £176 for the purchase of the said 500 acres and to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and foreasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 500 acres of Adventurers lande unto the said Robert Gale and his heirs to have and to hold the said 500 acres unto him the said Robert Gale, his heirs and assigned, provided that the said Robert Gale doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop Receivor for the Companie the said some of £176 by Tuesdaie next, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some in the manner as aforesaid, hee the said Robert Gale shall have an assurance of the said 500 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs and the said Mr Jessop restoring the surplusage accordinge to the Acte of Parliament.
- 27/06/51 6 Whereas 1994 acres in the 19th lott late belonging to Samuell Jones Esqr were exposed to sale and 500 acres thereof were propounded to be sold for non payment of one of the 2 taxes due on the 15th May last, there beinge one other tax payable 16th June instant, which are not yet paid to the damage and prejudice for the Companie now forasmuch as the said 500 acres this daie beinge exposed to sale and Rober Henley Snr Esqr, now present, hath offered £250 for the purchase of the said 500 acres and to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and foreasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 500 acres of Adventurers landes unto the said Robert Henley Snr and his heirs to have and to hold the said 500 acres of Adventurers lande **[Page 72]** unto him the said Robert Henley, his heirs and assigned, provided that the said Robert Henley doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop, receivor for the Companie the said some of £250 by Tuesdaie noone next, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some, in the manner as aforesaid, hee the said Robert Henley shall have an assurance of the said 500 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heirs, hee the said Mr Jessop restoring the surplusage accordinge to the Acte of

Parliament.

- 27/06/51 7 Memorand Mr John Arthur hath nominated William Adams Esqr to bee the purchasers of the 416 and 1/2 late James Ingram in the 6th lott.
- 28/06/51 1 Mr Fountayne, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr rLatch, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, Mr Browne, Captain North, Mr Gorges, Mr John Russell
- 28/06/51 2 Memorand that Mr Jessop bee desired to certifie the Companie the names of all such as have made default in paying in their purchase money on Tuesday next, and likewise those that fayle in payinge their purchase money on Thursday next that so course may bee forthwith taken for sale of the defaulters landes at their meetinge upon the levell
- 28/06/51 3 Ordered that Mr Jessop the receivor doe after the 15th of July next certifie the Companie upon the places and names of all such defaulters in payinge in the 2 severall taxes of 15d an acre, and how many, and for what lande, and that the Companie doe forthwith upon notice hereof proceede the sale of the defaulters landes respectively.
- 28/06/51 p.m 1 Mr Henley Snr, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Browne, Mr North, Mr Beverley
- 28/06/51 p.m 2 The said Adventuers doe hereby adjourne to meete again at St Ives in the county of Hunts on Wednesday at night next, and nothinge is to bee acted or done here in towne but all their meetings are to bee upon the Great Levell untill further order bee made
- 02/07/51 1 **[Page 73]** At the Sign of the Crowne att St Ives

Earl of Bedford, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hampson, Mr Browne, Mr Walker
- 02/07/51 2 Ordered that two bridges be forthwith made at Ramsey accordinge to the report of Mr Cromwell and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood and the Companie order of the 28th June last. And that in the mean tyme, untill they can bee downe, some accomodation bee made for them by matts or otherwise as Mr Hamond or such other gent of the Companie, as hee shall call to his advice, theirin shall thinke fitt.

And the like order is for the makinge of a bridge at Sutton and Meapoll
- 02/07/51 2 Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Jessop to send an abstract of the acte speedily to the Companie in the Country, viz - what mony was remayninge in cash and how much in arrere when he first entered uppon the place of receivor, and what all this summ and taxes amount unto which are already due, and how much thereof is arrere and by whom and what cash is now in your hands to the ende they may better satisfye themselves touchinge the effecte of the Acte here in the Country
- 02/07/51 3 Ordered that severall letters be sent forthwith written and sent to Mr Castle of Glatton, Mr Hawkins of Ramsey and Mr Matthews of Yaxley and signed by the clarke of the Companie as followeth, viz -

I am commanded to lett you know from the Earl of Bedford and his Adventurers and Participants in the dreyninge of the Great Levell of the Fennes that accordinge to the order of the Lords and other Comissioners on that behalfe, made upon comptroll of

severall townes, of the unequal puttinge out of the Adventurers proportions of the said fennes, that they will provide Mr Mingay and Mr Turner, named referees for them, to meete Mr Ravenscrofte and Mr Padley, named referees for their townes, on Thursday the 17th July instant at the Angell in Stilton to dispatch what by the orders are required which is conceived the most convenient in speedy tyme that can bee and before harvestt. And yett, if your referees thinke fitt to meete sooner or later the same weeke, I will allow theire referees to attend itt and I am required to desire you that the meetinge may not be frustrated through your default - soe I rest

Your lovinge friend

George Smythe clarke to the Earl his Adventurers and Participants

A letter was sent to Mr Clampe to attend the Companie att St Ives or elsewhere forthwith

A letter to the like effecte was sent the same tyme to Christian Derickson

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| 03/07/51 | 1 | <p>[Page 74] At the signe of the crowne</p> <p>The Earl of Bedford, Robert Henley, Mr Walker, Mr Hampson, Mr Culpeper, Mr Browne, Mr Edward Patheriche, Mr Hamond, Mr Crane</p> |
| 03/07/51 | 2 | <p>Ordered that Mr Moore shall forthwith sett oute all the severalls of Sutton North Fenne and West Fenne, Ramsey Chartris, Well and Wellney and distinguish them to the particular lotts and if there be any severalls in other places undivided into lotts the same course may likewise be taken by him</p> |
| 03/07/51 | 3 | <p>Ordered that Mr Moore be continued surveyor on the Fennes for the Companie for one whole yeare from the second of September next followinge</p> |
| 03/07/51 | 4 | <p>Ordered that the Adventurers lande on the north side of Bedford River bee forthwith divided from the Country with 12 foote ditches and that Mr Burton, with the directions of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, make sure dreynes to carry water out of the said ditches to their proposed outfalls as shall bee requisite</p> |
| 03/07/51 | 5 | <p>Memorandum that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond are desired to sett downe all worke already done and intended to bee done for carryinge away the downfalls and, likewise, what old dreynes have formerly been procured and been at the charge of the Country that may be sufficient and necessary to be scowered up again by them, and what the lands in the levell were worth by the acre before the first undertakinge and what they are now worth. And that when the Company hath done such worke as they are required to do by the Acte but the Countrys part bee drowned for want of their makinge ditches to carry the water into the dreynes, the prejudice may be looked upon as through their owne fault. And the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond are also desired to sett out what droves and highways are proposed to be made before the recompense of the 95000 acres.</p> |
| 03/07/51 | 6 | <p>Ordered that Lyon Leighton and such others as are appointed to drive and looke to the fenns, that they return the names of all such as stop up the ditches or dreynes made by the Adventurers with hassocke or otherwise and where the same is done that such course may bee taken against them as shall bee requisite</p> |

03/07/51	7	Memorand that Sir Cornelius acquainted the Company that Bevills Leam, Whittlesey Dyke, and Pophams Eau neede not to bee done in regard Well Creeke is nere and will carry away the water.
03/07/51	8	[Page 75] Ordered that Clowes Cross and New South Eau dreyne be perfected forthwith and likewise the banke on the north side of the Bedford River and the back side of the of the bank on the north side of Mortons Leam bee made upp and strengthened where it was washed away by the breaches in the said banke and inundations of water the last winter, and that the indreynes to the said banke bee perfected to the full depth, and the dams in it bee taken up
03/07/51	9	Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond are desired to take security from Mr Bellamy to keep the Companie indemnified by reason of his cutting and makinge a sluice uppon the bank nere Stanground for one and twenty years or more now next cominge
03/07/51	10	Memorand that Mr Turner be agreed with to take care of the banke and worke uppon Mortons Leame, Well and Clowes Crosse and that other fitt persons bee agreed with and appointed to looke to the banke and works made in other parts of the levell
03/07/51	11	Ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to conferre with the inhabitantes of Sutton for their landes being prejudiced which were cutt for the makinge of Bedford River in the first undertaking.
03/07/51 p.m.	12	Earl Bedford, Sir Edward Patherich, Robert Henley, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson, Mr Castle, Mr Walker, Mr Arthur, Mr Browne
03/07/51 p.m.	13	A petition was delivered to the Companie by Mr William Lane in the names of diverse gents, master workmen and labourers, many of them beinge put in the great level <i>Anno Domini</i> 1641 shewing that £5000 or thereabout was due from Mr Latch unto them for worke done att that tyme in the late Kings undertaking and praying some speedy course may bee taken for their pay because security was taken from the said Mr Latch to that purpose. And upon and debating of the thinges conteyned in the said petition, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight and Mr William Lane did undertake to the Adventurers present (that what propositions should bee thought fitt to present to the Lords and others Comissioners toward the ending of all differences that may anyways arise between the Companie and the said Mr Latch in report of the petition) that they, the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and William Lane together with Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood had power to covenant and undertake with the Companie of Adventurers and they did accordingly then undertake and promise for themselves and the petitioners that the propositions hereafter [Page 76] following, being presented to the Lords and others Commissioners by the Acte of Parliament nominated for the dreyninge of the Great Levell, shall bee ordered and confirmed (if the said Commissioners shall so thinke fitt), and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and William Lane did undertake and agree that Lieutenant Colonell Underwood should assent thereunto and that the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood will from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter secure, save and keepe harmeles and indemnifie the said Company of Adventurers from the said debt due from Mr Latch in the tyme of his expenditorshipp to the petitioners, workemen and labourers in the said Great Levell, provided alwaies, and itt is nevertheless the true intent and meaning of the parties to those present to the present agreement, or declaration hereby made, or intended to bee made, shall not bee prejudiciall to Mr Henley as touching the agreement made with him on the thirteenth June 1651 in writing, whereof the said parties to those present have sett to their hande the day and yeare aforesaid.

To the right honorable the Lords and gents of the Companie of Adventurers in the Great Levell of the Fennes

The humble petition of divers gents and master workemen and poore laborers in the Great Levell in 1641

Therewith

That the yeare 1641, the petitioners were employed by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, then director for the said work, for the raising the banke from Stanground to Whittlesey, from Eldermere to Guyhurne and through Waldersey, and the opening of the river of Wisbech and other work conducing to the dreyning of the said levell, and that Mr Latch then expeditor for the said worke, having great summes of money in his hands for payment of the petitioners, absented himself and deteyned the moneyes due to the petitioners to the summe of £5000 or there abouts to the utter ruyine of some of the petitioners, their wives and families, many of whom having byn imprisoned and enforced to flee their howses and stocke for satisfaction for those who wrought under them, and many gent others in the Country, having lent considerable somme of money [Page 77] for the present and pressing necessity of diverse of the poore petitioners without which all those worke must of necessity have stopped, and the money laid out upon them by this tyme bin utterly lost to the damage of the Lordshipps and Adventurers of £20000. And whereas the petitioners intended to make their humble address by petition to the humble howse of Parliament for their recourse but not willing at all to doe anythinge which might obstruct the passage of the Acte were assured by the Adventurers that, after the passage of the said Acte, some effectuall course should be taken for their satisfaction which, as the petitioners have been informed, was accordingly done by taking security from Mr Latch for that purpose.

The petitioners humble suite therefore is that now you would take some speedy course for the present payment of the moneyes due to the severall poore petitioners in respect you have security and in justice ought to pay itt (they to some and most of their undoeing, havinge forborne itt above this ten yeares)

And your petitioners are

Edward Lyons, Henry Brammell, John Webster, Henry Rowland, James V Langham, Thomas Hartingdale, William Woods, Roger J Blissett, Thomas J Langham, John U Peters, William Brindlow, William Allen, Thomas Envrill, Ralph Smithson, Gro J Orme, Edward M Watson, Hen I Lincolne, Thomas Rigling, Will Turnoe, George Blinkinsope, Thomas T Ellis, P Will Pustrole, Will Stevenson, Robert Hall, George Farmery, Jeffery Vince, Thomas Cane, Will Paine, Will Oxtan, Tho I Boss, Robert S Sathwell, Nicholas Sanderson, Martin Hanson, John Tomson, Thomas Kelsby, Thomas Anton, Will Duffe, Thomas I Havill, George Halis, Charles Basford, John Reade, John P Pudding, Geo Wanop, John Haines, Will Butler, Will I Tompson, Will Searle, John H Harwood, Jeffery I Holce, John Ellingham, Richard Greene, Robert Bourne, Henry Ellandforth, Tho Coult, Jeffery Holt, Geo Cross, Will Hallerday, John Grimes, John Boules, William Harmane, William Butcher, George Searle, William Price, John Durning, Jonas Stary, John Cross, Henry Whitstone, John Reade, John O Olbine, Robert Burton, John Newlove, Robert Pinchbeck, John Burton, Thomas Moore, William Lane, Francis Burrows, Samuell Vent, John Lemondes, Edward Allan, John Eastwood, John Nutt, John L Grice, Thomas Hodson, Ralph Grigge

03/07/51 p.m. 15

[Page 78] By assent of the Companie present and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and William Lane these propositions followinge are to bee presented to the Lords and others Comissioners viz

That part of the first lott sett out for the payment of the workemen in the places followinge (viz)

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Haddingham Common	100	0	0
Botsham High Fenne	140	0	0
Sutton in the mead lands next Middlemore	131	0	0
Westmore	400	0	0
Hilgay Common by Capt Skip banke	318	0	0
Whelpmore, Lowell more and Spain Delffe	478	0	0
Somersham Common next unto Crolland	300	0	0
(One hundred assigned out of this to others			
Towne More and Ark Mill all only private			
East More or Little Shire and Tomsons Fen			
Larkins Heath, and the too sedge fennes at			
Claplowe Fenn in Mildenhall)	200	0	0
Shinting Common	32	0	0
	2099	0	0

These parcells hereabout are sett out for the payinge of the workemen, and there are 300 acres out of the 2099 acres assigned formerly out of them by Mr Latch to others for there remaynes for the satisfaction of the workemen, 1799 acres and for what is to be paid, the money according to the account of the auditor which is £4500 or £4600 or thereabout and they are to bee freed from all taxes on the said land until adjudication and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood are to make over of the 400 acres of Westmore north and the 200 acres of Somersham Common next Crollode and the Companie are to make over of all the residue of the said lott on the north side of Bedford River untill the Lords and others of the Comissoners shall determine the busines, and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood are to divide the said 1799 acres from the Country with ditches at their owne charge. And such of the petitioner workemen and others as are found to bee dead, interstate without any legally clayming under them, the moneyes to them due shall bee returned to the use of the Companie and paid to the receivor of the said Company for the tyme being for the use aforesaid

Cornelius Vermuydem
William Lane

03/07/51 p.m. 16

Memorandum that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden did offer before the Companie and caused to offer the same before the Companie that hee will give £100 to any that shall take off the bargaine from his hands

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[Page 79] Downham in Norfolke

Earl of Bedford, John Karell, Robert Henley, Anthony Hamond, Mr Crane, Mr Castle, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hampson, Mr Browne, Mr Culpeper, Robert Henley Snr, Edward Russell

04/07/51	2	Upon reading a petition from the inhabitants of Sutton, it is ordered that some accomodation bee made for a passage over the river, and the Company att their meetinge att London will take into consideration what satisfaction shall bee given for all landes cutt in the first undertaking before the Acte of Parliamēt that speedy satisfaction may be made
04/07/51	3	Ordered that satisfaction is tendered to all the owners that have had their landes cutt since the passing of the Acte of Parliamēt by Mr Hampson, Mr Hamond or some other of the residents in the Country.
04/07/51	4	Ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Hampson or some other Adventurers resident in the Country doe tender unto Mr Robert Coxton £14 per acre for his lande in Meapoll cutt through for the makinge of the new river banke and for lande there. And they are desired he learne the true yearly value of the landes cutt in Sutton since the Acte of Parliamēt and to make returne of the particulars to the Companie that they may henceforth further warrant to conclude with the persons concerned, having spetiall regard to the value of the land as they were £6 per acre before the first undertakinge, and to deliver an answer or perticular to the clarke of those already agreed with that payment may be ordered by the Companie to bee made unto them accordinge to their said agreement.
05/07/51	1	Downham Earl of Bedford, John Russell, Edward Russell, Robert Henley, Anthony Hamond, Mr Hampson, Sir Edward Patheriche, Mr Castle, Mr Crane, Mr Browne, Mr Culpeper
05/07/51	2	Ordered that Mr Burton bee imployed to lett out all the worke for carryinge away to their proper outfalls, the brookes, rills, lock and downfall on the north side of the Bedford River and all other worke lending thereunto, following Sir Cornelius Vermuydens direction, and in case of Sir Cornelius absence and noe direction given to them, hee is to use his owne discretion therein and in leading away the downfall from the 12 foote dyke to the next most convenient dreyne, either by a new dyke or by scouring up the old, and Mr Moore is appointed to bee ayding and assisting to him and hee is to appoint Edmund Welsh and some others of the workemen to enquire to the Companie the value of the landes in the levell as they were in the 6th yeare of the late King
05/07/51	3	[Page 80] The Companie agreed with Christian to make two sufficient bridges at Sawtry, one of 30 ft and the other of 25 ft to be ringed, railed and cyled and all other thinges required to the said bridges to bee finished within three weekes next at the furthest for which hee is to receive the summe of seventy poundes, which bridges are to be uppon the 40 foote and 30 foote dreynes at Ramsey to serve sufficiently for these too cutts
05/07/51	4	Ordered that the carpenter uppon the worke between Sawtry and Stowbridge be forthwith ordered to the number of 25 in all
05/07/51	5	Ordered that if any of the Companie shall divide his Adventurers land or any part thereof from the Country with 12 foote ditches, hee shall bee allowed such rates for the same as Mr Burton shall sett downe
05/07/51	6	Mr Hamond acquainted the Companie that divers bills of day labourers and workemen brought in by the overseers were implicitly signed by Mr Burton and that divers considerable summs of money were thereuppon usually paid to the overseers who tooke uppon them the sole payment of the said bills. The Companie thereuppon

ordered that a certaine number of the overseers of the Companie, and only such as Mr Hamond and the others of the Companie resident in the Fennes shall divert and appoint, bee employed to sett all day men being labourers, carpenters and others on worke as shall bee needfull and that noe bills bee brought in but by such overseers appointed as aforesaid and they to vouch the said bills, and the money due uppon the said bills to bee paid by the expeditor to the workemen themselves

07/07/51	1	<p>Wisbich</p> <p>Earl of Bedford, John Russell Esqr, Edward Russell Eqr, Sir Edward Partherich, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Hampson, Mr Browne, Mr Carrill, rovert Henley Snr Esquire, Mr Culpeper</p>
07/07/51	2	<p>Edward Lyon by his petition made itt appeare to the Company that he was severall tymes assaulted in driving theire grownde att Fasset and other places, and lost att one tyme in one of the said assaults forty shillings and five pence whereuppon it is ordered that Mr Edwards the sub-expeditor paie the said forty shillings and five pence above mentioned for the petitioner to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden who is desired to send it to him</p>
07/07/51 p.m	1	<p>[Page 81] Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Anthony Hamond Esqr, Robert Henley Jnr, Edward Russell Eqr, Colonell Walton, John Russell Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson, Mr Walker, Mr Browne</p>
07/07/51 p.m	2	<p>Whereas by order made the 5th July instant, it is amongst other things ordered that Mr Burton doe appoint Edmund Welch and some others of the workemen to enquire and certifie to the Companie the value of the lands in the stoke as they were on the 6th yeare of the late King. It is now further ordered that they shall accordingly value the 95 acre cutt in Sutton, Mepall and in all other partes through the levell before the passing of the Acte of Parliament.</p>
07/07/51 p.m	3	<p>Ordered that from henceforth, noe undertaker of worke shall be paid of for his worke done, though itt be finished, untill hee have first delivered up the materialls in his charge to the overseers of the materialls, viz to Pinchback, Hatton, West and Farcett, or one of them and a noate under the hand of the overseer of receipt of the materialls and a certificate from Mr Palmer or Arlibont, or one of them, that the work is done according to contract, shall bee a sufficient warrant for the expeditor and to pay of such undertaker of worke. And it is further ordered that one of the said overseers for materialls shall goe alonge with the surveyor when he goes to take uppon worke, and to this ende the surveyor is to provide them notice of it</p>
08/07/51	1	<p>Wisbich</p> <p>Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, Mr Culpeper, Mr Walker, John Russell Esqr, Edward Russell Eqr, Mr Gorges, Robert Henley Jnr Esqr, Captain North, Mr Browner, Mr Hampson</p>
08/07/51	2	<p>Whereas in the proportions agreed between the Company and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and William Lane to bee presented to the Company, and in order to an agreement, itt was intended that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Lieutenant Collonell Underwood should make of use of the north side of Sutton in the meade lands next the Middle Moore as well as of 400 acres in Westmoore north and 200 acres in Somersham, although it was omitted to be expressed in the said proportions, itt is now therefore ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Lieutenant Collonell Underwood shall make use of the said north part of Sutton in the meadeland next</p>

Middle Moore with the other parcell afore mentioned, they beinge accountable to the Company to the profitts thereof incurred by them in case the proportions on the agreement shall not bee confirmed by the Company. And Mr Hamond and the rest of the gents of the Company resident in the Fennes or any two of them are desired to make the best profitt they can of all the remainder of the residue of the first lott lyinge on the north side of Bedford River for the use of the Companie

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| 08/07/51 | 3 | The Companie desire Mr Culpeper to acquaint Mr Mingay, the Companie occasions are such that they cannot give him meetinge att Wisbech on the Saturdaie 12th July instant as they intended, and therefore desire him the spare the journey completely to save them so farre as to give him meetinge by other referees at the Angell Inn Stilton on the 17th instant where they have given order to there solicitor to attend him on there behalfe |
| 08/07/51 | 4 | [Page 82] Ordered that the expendor shall issue noe more mony for any bills, salleries, daie worke or materials without warrant first had from Mr Hamond under his hand for the payment thereof |
| 08/07/51 | 5 | Memorand that the Companie resident in the fenns are desired to reduce and lessen the number of officers on the workes as the said worke now in hand and appointed to bee done this sommer shall be finished, to the ende they may bee no longer contynued in pay by the Company than shall bee needefull |
| 08/07/51 | 6 | Ordered that Mr John Turner shall have the care and oversight of the worke accordinge to the order made att Peterborough on the 26th March last and hee shall have £30 paid and allowed him by the Company, to bee paid by the expendor for his service therein from the tyme of his first enteringe on the paid imployment |
| 08/07/51 | 8 | Mr Hamond moved that his mother and himself might have liberty to pay the 15d tax due this 8th July instant to the expendor in the Country which is ordered accordingly and that the expendors acquittance sent to Mr Jessop to bee entered by the clarke of the Company that bee there sufficient discharge for the same |
| 08/07/51 p.m | 1 | At Peterborough

Earle of Bedford, John Russel Esqr, Edward Russell Esqr, Mr Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson, Lieutenant Collonell Underwood, Captain North, Mr North, Mr Walker, Mr Robert Henley Jnr Esqr, Mr Arthur, Mr Browne |
| 08/07/51 p.m | 2 | Some tyme was spent in conference with the expendor aboute the accountes and in debate howe moneys would be supplied for the finishinge of the worke designed to bee done this summer in which perticuler they came to no resolution duringe the sittinge |
| 08/07/51 p.m | 3 | The Earle of Bedford moved that hee might have liberty to pay his 15d tax due this 8th July instant to the expendor in the Country which is ordered accordingly and that the expendors acquittance sent to Mr Jessop to bee entered by the clarke of the Company, that bee there sufficient discharge for the same |
| 09/07/51 | 1 | [Page 83] Peterborough

Earl of Bedford, John Russell, Edward Russell, Richard Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Delaval, Mr Hampson, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Arthur, Mr Walker, Mr Browne, Captain North |

09/07/51	2	<p>Uppon perusall and examination of the expenses in the Country and the estimation of the charges that will bee necessary for the finishing of the worke which are now in hand and finding that the present expenditure doeth amount to about £10000 per month and the receipt uppon taxes comes to £5000 per month, wee doe in the first place positively order Sir Cornelius after the next paie daie which is to bee uppon Wednesday the 23rd of this present, shall take as a proportion of workemen from the south of Bedford River as shall bring the whole monthly charge and expenses in all places within the compasse of £5000. And whereas it appeareth that there will want £10000, besides the taxes already imposed for the perfecting of the worke, the Companie here present have thought fitt after long debate to appoint a meeting of the whole Companie att London att Mr Henleys howse on the 17th daie of this present July att two of the clock in the afternoone, there to take some further resolution in the premisses according of the great urgency these affayres, and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to bee there, present att the said meetinge, and to bringe with him an exact estimate of the charge and the perticular worke intended to bee done on the north side. And notice is to bee given hereof by John Hopkinson to all the Adventurers and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood is to send a perfect abstract of his account since the last audit.</p>
09/07/51	3	<p>Uppon the reading of Baggalays petition, it is ordered that some day the next weeke Mr Burton doe attend Mr Arthur to measure and take a perticular accompt how many roods of dyking, scowringe, wooding or other worke was lately done about the Adventurer land in Burrow Great Fenn, and to compute the severall rates or values of each parte of the worke and by what authority and contract the same was done, and to certifie the price to the Companie that they may discerne whether there bee cause for payment of the £9 desired by Baggallay in his petition or not, he havinge received £20 for the said worke already</p>
09/07/51	4	<p>As touchinge the reference to Mr Hamond and Captain Fisher for Denver and Downham, Mr Culpeper was desired to acquaint them that there is a difference betweene the Companie and their referee Captain Fisher and due concern he is not a competent referee on their parte and must therefore advise themselves to the Companie to appoint some other referee in Mr Fishers roome</p>
09/07/51	5	<p>Mr Quails with his brothers and Mr Horsfield came to the Companie and moved them to give notice to Mr Coleman their referee touchinge the business between the Companie and soake of Peterborough, and the Companie sent them answer by Mr Hamond and Mr Robert Henley Snr that they were not at power to decide itt but to take itt into further consideration shortly after their return to London</p>
09/07/51	6	<p>[Page 84] Ordered that the clarke of the Company speeke to Mr Whitstone, one of the sub-expenditors, to meete Mr Browne, solicitor to the Company, at Stilton the 17th of this month in the morninge, to attend the referees for the Company there. And to desire Mr Whitstone to bringe money thither with him to defray their referees and agents charges touching the refereeing.</p>
17/07/51	1	<p>At Mr Henleyes howse</p> <p>Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Alderman Henley, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Thurloe, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Alderman Hildesley, Mr Sheriff Titchborne, Mr Holland, Mr Horning, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Legge, Mr North, Mr Downing, Mr Alex Jones, Mr Adams, Mr Allen, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Bradley</p>

- 17/07/51 2 Whereas the Companie, taking into consideration the severall orders formerly made for perfecting the works on the northside of Bedford River, and finding the same have not byn observed to theire great prejudice and disadvantage, it is now agreed and ordered that the workes on the north side of Bedford River shall bee, with all possible effecte, proceeded in and fully perfected which that they may bee and that the same may not bee hindered with the works now in hand on the south side of Bedford River. It is thought fitt that for some tyme stop bee made of the greatest part of the works of the south side that those on the north side may bee the better intended and accordingly, the Companie here present doe order that upon the next pay dayes which are to bee upon Thursday and Friday next on the south bank that all the workemen shall bee taken from there save what shall bee employed on the part of the south banke which lyes nere Well and Welney contynuinge about 1800 rods which is to bee provided so farre as £500 a weeke will goe and noe farther for 6 weekes from the said pay day, and all other workemen whatsoever are wholly to bee employed on works of the north side of Bedford River untill the Companie shall take further order. And it is hereby ordered that the expendor accordingly **[Page 85]** from the said pay day doe paie no somme or sommes of money whatsoever for any works on the south side of Bedford River save the said £500 a weeke, the first payment whereof hee is to make upon the 26th day of Aug and not before and that all other moneys whatsoever which hee shall receive for the Companie, hee shall paie towards the works of the northside so far as those works require the same, and hee is to pay the said workmen on the north side once every fortnight without fayle and the expendor is to have a copie of this order sent him forthwith, and Mr Hamond another and likewise Mr Burton, who is hereby required to see the workmen disposed of according to the intent and meaninge of this order. And also Mr Hamond is desired to give his directions herein pursuant to this order that there bee no faylor herein, the service of the Companie requiring the same
- 17/07/51 3 A question beinge put whether or not the some of £10000 shall forthwith be raised and wholly employed for the perfectinge of the worke on the north side of Bedford River, it was resolved in the affirmative.
- 17/07/51 4 Another question also beinge put whether or not two other 15d taxes shall bee layd and added to the two 15d taxes payable in August and September next, it was also resolved in the affirmative.
- 17/07/51 5 Whereas the Companie, seriously takinge into their consideration the necessity of the speedy perfectinge of the workes on the north side of Bedford River, considering the same are absolutely necessary to bee done this summer before the further proceedinge and goinge of the works on the south side of Bedford River, for the doinge whereof there will bee required a present further supply of money, and therefore they have thought fitt and agreed and doe hereby order that two 15d taxes bee fitt and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres as well as on the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres (parcell of the said 95000 acres mentioned in the Acte of Parliament) lately assigned by the Companie to Benjamin Weston Esquire his heirs and assigned. And the said taxes are sett and imposed accordingly and are hereby ordered to bee paid to the officers of the Companie treasury unto the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge at Mr Henleys howse without Temple Barr in the parish of Clements in the County of Middlesex in the manner follownge - viz 15d for every **[Page 86]** acre thereof, respectively, on or before the first day of August next ensuing and the other tax or 15d for every acre thereof, respectively, on or before the first day of September next ensuing untill the same too severall taxes be fully paid. And in default of payment of the first tax of 15d an acre or any parte thereof payable, as aforesaid, the lands of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold on the 15th of August next.

And in default of payment of the other tax of 15d an acre or any part thereof payable, as aforesaid, the lands of such defaulters are here by ordered to bee sold at or upon the 15th day of September next or at any other meetinge of five or more of the Adventurers and Participants provided nevertheles that the 10000 acres sold by the Companie to Bartholomew Hall and others are exemptyd and not lyable to the payment of this tax nor to bee sold in default of payment thereof, nor to any other tax heretofore set. And likewise the 3000 acres, other part of the 95000 acres, are not to be subjecte to this tax nor any advantage to bee taken for non payment thereof.

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| 17/07/51 | 6 | Memorandum that Mr Thurloe, M Henley, Mr Latch and Mr Trenchard or any two of them are desired to meete tomorrow in the afternoone to confer how they may finde out an expedient for all such Adventurers as are unable to pay their taxes |
| 17/07/51 | 7 | Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden describe upon the mappe where hee doe intend to carry the indreynes on the north side of Bedford River and hee is to meete the Companie tomorrow in the afternoone touchinge the same. |
| 17/07/51 | 8 | Ordered that the Companie take into their consideration the taxinge of the 10000 acres and Mr Adams is desired to meete Mr Arthur and Mr Latch who are to bee reteyned of councell for the Companie tomorrow at two a clock in the afternoone who are to deliver their opinions touchinge the same |
| 18/07/51 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Adam Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr Sheriff Titchborne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Oxenbridge, Mr Herring, Mr Gorges |
| 18/07/51 | 2 | [Page 87] Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Burton to this effecte, viz - the Companie doe thinke fitt to make some stay of the goinge on of the workes on the south side of the Bedford River to the intent the works of the north side of the Bedford River may been fully finished and to put him in mynde of the promise made to them of finishinge the same within a month. And with all to signifie to the workemen that though they are called of from finishinge their worke accordinge to the contracte, yet their tyme shall bee allowed them. And the order of the 17th of July instante is sent inclosed to him to see the same effectually prosecuted. |
| 18/07/51 | 3 | Memorand that two letters bee also sent to the expeditor and Mr Hamond, with the said order of the 17th July instant bee sent inclosed to each of them to see the same performed accordingly |
| 18/07/51 | 4 | Memorandum Mr Arthur Hall hath delivered in his opinion in writing touchinge the taxinge of his 10000 acres |
| 19/07/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr Adams, Mr William Henley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Wakefield |
| 19/07/51 | 2 | Whereas the Companie hath ordered that all the workes in the north of Bedford River should be speedily lett out, and whereas they concerne Mr Burton himself alone is not able to take upon the care and trouble of lettinge out all the workes, it is therefore ordered that the gent in the Company resident on the workes shall have power from tyme to tyme and are hereby authorised to nominate and appoint such other persons as they shall thinke fitt to bee employed in lettinge out the workemen on the north side of Bedford River |
| 21/07/51 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Oxenbridge, Mr Herringe |

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| 21/07/51 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch and Mr Thurloe are desired to meete tomorrow at two a clocke in the afternoone to consider of preparinge instructions for Mr Thurloe who is forthwith desired to goe downe to the Fennes and bee resident on the workes |
| 21/07/51 | 3 | [Page 88] According to the desire of the Company on Thursday last, the committee bee then named, deliverd in this day a proposition in writinge, touchinge the raisinge of moneye, whereupon beinge delivered to Mr Herringe and Mr Oxenbridge they agreed to consider of the same against Wednesday next |
| 21/07/51 | 4 | Upon the motion of Mr Trenchard, it is ordered that Mr George Smith, clarke to the Compane, shall hath liberty to goe to the bath for 6 weekes from Monday next leaving J Hopkinson as his deputy in his absence |
| 21/07/51 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, and Mr Thurloe bee desired to meete tomorrow at too o clock in the afternoone to confer and state the business in question betweene the Companie and Mr Henley touchinge the some of £3028.14.00. And they likewise are further desired to consider what land is in the Companies hands and what land hath and what land hath not paid taxes since the Acte of Parliament and consider how the Companie may raise money out of the same, upon all which they are desired to make their report on Wednesday next. |
| 23/07/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Benjamin Weston, Richard Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr Alderman Henley, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Briskin, Mr Latch, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr John Russell, Mr Browne, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Baldwin Arthur, Mr St John |
| 23/07/51 | 2 | In pursuance of the order made on Mondaie last, touchinge instructions for Mr Thurloe which the Company were to consider of, whereupon severall instructions being presented in writing and now read over by the Companie, it is ordered that the said instructions bee entered and all matters and thinges, thereon conteyned, are hereby ordered to bee observed and kept as orders of the Company and all persons whome it shall or may concerne are hereby desired to take notice thereof accordingly which instructions are as followeth |

In primis, whereas the tyme allotted in the instructions for members now resident on the workes doth determyn 15 August next, and the Companie, knowinge how it may bee consistent with those gents occasions to continue any longer downe, hath desired Mr Thurloe to goe downe to joyne with Mr Hamond and doe give them jointly **[Page 89]** and severally the same power and authority in all thinges as was jointly and severally given to other of the Companie accordinge to former orders or instructions on that behalfe

2 It is especially recommended unto Mr Thurloe and Mr Hamond, as also other members duringe their residence on the workes, to see all the workes that are already designed by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden on the north side of Bedford River to bee with all possible expedition fully perfected and finished accordinge and in pursuance of the order of 17th July instant, and by such other waies and means as they shall thinke fitt. And also to advise Sir Cornelius Vermuyden which other and further workes are fitt to bee done, both for the benefitt for the Country and the Adventurers as well for the highways. Therein respect is to bee had that the cutts to bee made by the highwaies serve as the same as can bee for dreynes for carryinge away the downfall of the Country. As in case of Sir Cornelius absence out of the Country, or non agreement with him, they are to certifie their owne opinion up to the Companie to the ende the Companie may give their directions therein.

3 That they, as aforesaid, would very well consider the banke from Benishall to Guyhurne, whether it bee stronge enough to beare the winter floods and if not what course is to bee taken to make it sufficient. And that if the Country will not repayre it themselves but leave it upon the Companie, they doe expecte a proportionable melioration from them

4 To consider whether the drain from Clowes Crosse to The Goat ought not to bee bottomed as well as the bankes

5 To consider of a way how to reconcile the differences betweenne the Companie and the towne of Wisbech, as also the differences betweenne the owners of the north side of Wisbech and the Companie, and to use a means to the obteyninge the money owinge from the owners of the north side of Wisbech

6 That they should take perticular care of all the workes that were done the last yeare and are since fallen into decay, especially that the same bee repayred tymely before the winter, that care bee taken for the speedy removal of the clay beds at Horseshoe that that place may be deepened to the depth of the old river, and likewise a stop that is at Guyhurne in the river may be removed.

7 That they would consider if it would bee best for the service of the Companie to continue the banke from Crowland to Brotherhowse as it is now made or divert it wholly and repayre the bank from Crowland to Dowsedale and the view all the banks of Welland from Peakirke to Spaldinge.

[Page 90] 8 That there bee a course appointed that upon all occasions all the materials belonginge to the workes may bee preserved and as farre as can bee kept from spoile, and to consider if it bee not fitt to sell some parte of the materialls and give the Companie an account thereof

9 That they would consider how all the workes and bankes may bee preserved and kept from the spoile of cattell eyther by buildinge of howses or any other waies as they shall thinke fitt

10 To take care that the number of chargeable officers bee reduced and especially that those who for theire former misdemeanors were put out by the Companie may bee removed. And to certifie the Companie by whome they have byn againe taken in, contrary to the order of the Companie

11 That before every paie daie, they send up worde what moneye is in cash in the Country for that pay day and what bills of exchange are charged here for that paie daie to the ende the Companie may know how to provide a supply accordingly. And to the ende they in the Country may know what money is in cash here, the Companie will order that Mr Jessop doe write unto them weekley what moneyes in cash

12 Whereas the Companie hath byn enformed that the workes have byn lett out with great disadvantage to the members aforesaid, they are desired to strictly to examyn the contracts which were made upon the workes and to certifie the abuse up to the Companie

13 Lastly, that Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe doe give it in charge to the expendor and all others who hath received any of the Companie money since the last account, audited by Mr Jessop in the Country, to bee ready with their account by the 17th August next at which tyme the Companie will appoint auditors to take the same. And to the ende that such accoumptants may have better direction to perfecte their

accountpts, copies of the accountpts, audited by Mr Jessop last yeare, shall be delivered to Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe by Mr Jessop whereby they may be enabled to directe the accounts this yeare to bee put into the same method.

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| 23/07/51 | 3 | Ordered that the Companie doe expecte that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe forthwith repayre downe upon the levell to see the workes prosecuted with expedition in regard to the season of the yeare as so farre spent |
| 23/07/51 | 4 | Ordered that a letter bee written to the expeditor that the Companie, havinge againe taken into their consideration the speedy perfectinge of the workes on the north side of Bedford River and the shortage of tyme to doe it in, and therefore expecte that their former order for lesseninge the number of workemen on the south side of Bedford River bee observed and effectually prosecuted |
| 23/07/51 | 5 | [Page 91] Ordered that a letter be sent to Mr Fountayne to desire him to bee retired out of the north to spend as much tyme in the Fennes as his occassions will permitt and to joyne Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe in the business of the Companie att the Companies charge. |
| 23/07/51 | 6 | Ordered that Mr Fountayne and Mr Thurloe shall have the same allowance from the Companie towards their expences duringe their residence on the workes as Mr Hamond hath which is to bee paid by the revenue |
| 23/07/51 | 7 | Upon reading a letter from Mr Wymondsold, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth. That the Company know not that they or any of their agents have done him any wrong as his letter expresses, and if any wrong or injury bee done him they shall not at all continue it. And for the perticular, hee complayned of in his letter they say they have some of their owne members upon the place to whome hee or his tenant may upon all occasions make application for redres and to this purpose they have given them authority to examyn the same and doe accordingly |
| 23/07/51 | 8 | Upon reading a letter from Mr Wymondsold touchinge some wrongs and prejudice which hee alledged is done unto him and his tenants at Whittlesey, it is ordered that the members of the Companie now resident on the workes be desired to take the said letter into their consideration and examyn the truth thereof and give redres therein as they shall see cause, otherwise to certifie to the Companie how they finde the same and a copie of the said letter is to bee sent unto them |
| 23/07/51 | 9 | Mr Thurloe made report to the Companie of the business touchinge £3020.14.00 which by order on Monday last was referred to him and others to consider of which hee promised to send in in writinge. |
| 23/07/51 | 10 | [Page 92] Upon which report the Companie propounded to Mr Latch that hee would accept of the 1800 acres and pay the taxes for the same, which hee did at first refuse to doe, but afterwards, takinge the same into consideration, did agree thereunto and does consent to joyne with the Companie in a conveyance of the said 1799 acres agreed to bee assigned on to the workemen at St Ives, 3rd July last, for satisfaction of their arreres of £5000 or thereabouts in the late Kings undertaking. And as to the residue of his interest in the first lott, the Companie are willinge hee shall have tyme given unto him untill the 15th of September next for the bringinge in his taxes for the same. And in case hee does not, or before the 15th September next pay the taxes or provide a purchasor or purchasors that shall by the tyme bringe in a paie the same, it is hereby ordered that by and with the consent of the said Mr Latch that his said residue of interest on the first lott shall bee sold and a conveyance thereof made accordingly, in which conveyance the said Mr Latch doth hereby consent to joyne, the |

surplusage over and above the taxes to bee resolved to him.

- 23/07/51 11 Mr Thurloe made report in pursuance of the order made on Monday that there was 800 acres of late Sir Charles Harboards in the 16th lott which was in the hands of the Companie and had paid no taxes since the Acte of Parliament, whereupon it is ordered that in Friday next at two a clocke in the afternoone, the same and any parte thereof is to bee exposed to sale.
- 25/07/51 1 Mr John Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Buskin, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Oxenbridge, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr B Arthur, Mr A Henley, Mr Adams, Mr North, Mr Page, Mr Herringe, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Gale, Mr Thurloe, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Browne, Mr Bridges, Mr Allen
- 25/07/51 2 Whereas Mr Robert Gale on Friday the 27th June last did purchase 500 acres part of 998 acres belonginge to Robert Staunton Esqr in the 10th lott but noe conveyance is yet passed from the Companie and whereas the said Robert Staunton has since agreed with the said Robert Gale who hath paid in the tax due and purchase money due upon the said contract, and the said Mr Gale is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contracte with the Companie for the said 500 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Robert Gale, now present, testified by setting his name hereunto, that hee is to take noe benefitt by his aforesaid contracte but that the **[Page 93]** said Mr Staunton and his assigned are to enjoy the aforesaid 500 acres as in his former right, the aforesaid contracte notwithstandinge subject to nevertheles to the payment of all future taxes
- 25/07/51 3 Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden declared to the Companie that hee hath given directions to lett out the south bank of Bedford River at 3s 6s a rod with the bank floores included, yet notwithstandinge, Mr Burton did lett it out at 4p a pole besides the bank floores which is estimated at £6000 more
- 25/07/51 4 Ordered that Mr Thurloe and Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn all contractes and therein to consider whether the instructions made out at Wisbech have been prosecuted or obstructed and peticularly to examyn which contractes have been made by Mr Burton
- 25/07/51 5 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, beinge present, made an answer in writinge to the said which was also made out to the Companie and approved of, whereupon it is ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond with the said letter enclosed in pursuance whereof the Companie desire that the clappes in the bank from Swavesey to Hermitage may be speedily made up, hee enforminge them it would not cost above £100
- 25/07/51 6 Whereas 800 acres of the 16th lott belonginge to Sir Charles Harboard who hath not paid any taxes for the same since the passinge of the Acte, and whereas Henry Earl of Arundell hath made default in payinge in the some of £144.09.00, as well for his 200 acres parcell of the same lott as for his other Adventurers landes, to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall days have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch the said 1000 acres of Adventurer landes beinge this daie beinge exposed to sale, Walter St John Esquire beinge present offers £37 an acre for every acre of the said 1000 acres amountinge to a some of £1875 and hath agreed to all future taxes growing due for the said, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 1000 acres of Adventurers lande unto him, the said Walter St

John, his heirs and assigned provided that the said Walter St John do paie or cause to be paid unto William Jessop the receiver of the Companie the said £1875 by the 15th August next otherwise this order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered that upon payinge in the said purchase money, in manner the same as aforesaid, the said Mr St John have an assurance of the said 1000 acres made out unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate [Page 94] and their said heirs. And the said conveyance is to be made ready to bee sealed and the said 15th day of August next at which tyme the purchase money is to bee paid as aforesaid.

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| 26/07/51 | 1 | Lord St John, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Browne, Mr Buskin, Mr Williams, Mr Wakefield, Mr John Russell, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Adams, Mr Page, Mr Allen, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Bradley, Mr St John, Collonell Underwood, Mr Thurloe |
| 26/07/51 | 2 | Ordered that all defaulters on Mondaie next shall bee exposed to sale and, in perticular, the Companie doe thinke fitt to expose to sale of Mr Henleyes lands for non payment of £2122.14.00 due from him to the Companie |
| 26/07/51 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Jessop write weekly and advertise the members of the Companie resident on the workes what moneyes are in cash here to the ende the affayres on the Companie may bee managed there for their best advantage |
| 28/07/51 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr Legge, Mr Bradley, Mr Herringe, Mr B Arthur, Mr St John, Mr John Russell, Mr Adams, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Browne |
| 28/07/51 | 2 | Whereas the several taxes due and payable in March, Aprill, May, June last and July instant were sett and imposed upon the 200 acres of Adventurers Landes belonging to John and Edward Russell Esqr in the 14th lott, claymed by my Lord Chiefe St John, besides there is the some of £56.05.00 in arrere upon his last yeares taxes, to the prejudice of the Companie notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as Mr Walter St John hath offered to give £212.10.00 for the purchase of the said 200 acres Adventurers landes and to pay all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration whereof, being their propounded and none offeringe more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent, doe hereby sell the said 200 acres unto the said Walter St John [Page 95] and his heires to have and to hold the said 200 acres unto him the said Walter St John his heires and assigned provided that the said Walter St John or his assigned doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop receiver of the Companie the said £212.10.00 by Monday next, otherwise the order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the £212.10.00, in manner as aforesaid, he, the said Walter St John, shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires, which conveyance is to bee made ready to bee sealed on Monday next. |
| Memorand that Thomas Matthews of London, grocer, is nominated. | | |
| 28/07/51 | 3 | Whereas one 15d tax sett and imposed upon the 600 acres of Adventurers Landes, lately purchased by Mr Thomas Sampson, formerly belonging to Marke Bradley, John Rye and John Latham in the 8th lott, which tax was due and payable of on the 16th June last past, amountinge to the sum of £37.10. 00 and it is hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch the said 600 acres beinge this daie exposed to sale and Robert Henley Snr Esqr beinge present hath offered to give |

51s 3d an acre for 15 acre part of the said 600 acres, amountinge to the some of £38.08.09 which does include one other 15d tax, due the 15th July last past, and hath agreed to pay and discharge all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as beinge their propounded, none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent, doe hereby sell the said 15 acres unto the said Robert Henley Esqr and his heires to have and to hold the said 15 acres unto him the said Robert Henley his heires and assigned, provided that the said Robert Henley or his assigned doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop, receivor of the Companie the said some of thyrty eight poundes by Monday next, otherwise the order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered, upon payment of the said sum, in manner as aforesaid, he, the said Robert Henley, shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires which conveyance is to bee made ready to bee sealed on Monday next.

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| 28/07/51 | 5 | Whereas two 15 d taxes sett and imposed upon the 250 acres of Adventurers Landes belonging to Oliver St John Lord Cheife Justice of the Court of Comon Pleas in the 14th lott due and payable of on the 16th June and the 8th of July last, amountinge to the sum of £31.05.00 (there beinge one other 15d tax due 15th of July instant) which taxes are hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch Walter St John Esqr, now present, hath offered £60 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay and discharge all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent, doe hereby sell the said 250 acres unto the said Walter St John and [Page 96] his heires to have and to hold the said 250 acres unto him the said Walter St John, his heires and assigned, provided that the said Walter St John or his assigned doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop receivor of the Companie the said some of £60 by Monday next, otherwise the order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum, in manner as aforesaid, that he, the said Walter St John, shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires, which conveyance is to bee made ready to bee sealed on Monday next. And Mr Jessop is to restore £13.02.06, the surplusage, to the owner according to the Acte of Parliament. |
| 28/07/51 | 6 | Whereas two 15d taxes sett and imposed upon the 900 acres of Adventurers Landes belonging to Oliver St John Lord Cheife Justice of the Court of Comon Pleas in the 17th lott, due and payable of on the 16th June and the 8th of July last amountinge to the sum of £112.10.00 (there beinge one other 15d tax due 15th of July instant) which taxes are hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as the said 900 acres are exposed to sale and Walter St John Esqr, beinge present, offered £300 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay and discharge all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent, doe hereby sell the said 900 acres unto the said Walter St John and his heires to have and to hold the said 900 acres unto him the said Walter St John his heires and assigned, provided that the said Walter St John or his assigned doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop receivor of the Companie the said some of £300 by Monday next, otherwise the order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, he, the said Walter St John, shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires which conveyance is to bee made ready to bee sealed on Monday next. And Mr |

Jessop is to restore £131.05.00, the surplusage, to the owner according to the Acte of Parliament.

- 28/07/51 7 Whereas the taxes of 200 acres in the 14th lott, heretofore sett on the head of the heirs of the Lord Brooke and now standinge in the tax roll upon John and Edward Russell Esqr, amountinge to £112.10.00, due and payable of on the 16th June and the 8th of July last, amountinge to the sum of £112.10.00 in the yeare 1650, of which some £56.05.00 was paid that yeare by the said Mr John and Mr Edward Russell or one of them, and whereas the said Mr John and Mr Edwards Russell disclayminge to have an interest in the said 200 acres, the same were this day exposed to sale for £212.10.00, and whereas the said Mr **[Page 97]** John and Edward Russell have of the two 15d taxes for their owne land the 15th of Aprill last paid £56.05.00 lesse than the due in all amounte unto viz £28.02.06 each of them in respecte of the like some paid, the last yeare for the said 200 acres, as aforesaid, it is therefore ordered that out of the said purchase money £28.02.06 bee allowed to each of the said Mr Russells to the end the same may bee by them paid into Mr Jessop the Companie receivor for satisfaction of the like some in arrere for their owne proportions of land as aforesaid.
- 28/07/51 8 Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith write a letter to the expendor to desire him to send up a certificate for all such some or somes of the money as hee hath received of any perticular Adventurer in the Country for and towards payment of their taxes.
- 28/07/51 9 Ordered that the surveyour with two credible witnesses take exact notice where turffe pits have been digged in the Country in the parts sett out for the Adventurers, and that hee bee ordered to take the like proportion as they have so spoiled out of the remaynder of those fennes, for by the law the Adventurers are to have 95000 lands not of turf pitts, and the law to doth esppecially provide that meres and lakes and sumps which still within any of their proportions shall not bee accounted as any parte of the measure of their land.
- 29/07/51 1 Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne, Mr Allen, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Issac Jones
- Whereas Robeert Henley Snr Esqr, 27th June last, did purchase 500 acres part of 994 acres in the 19th lott lately bellonginge to Samuell Jones Esquire but no conveyance is yet passed from the Companie, and whereas the said Samuell Jones hath since agreed with the said Robert Henley, and the said Mr Henley is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contracte with the Companie for the said 500 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Robery Henley, now present, testified by settinge his name hereunto, that hee is to take no benefitt by his aforesaid contracte but that the said Samuell Jones and his assigned to enjoy the aforesaid 500 acres as in his former right, the aforesaid contracte notwithstandinge, subject themselves to the payment of all future taxes
- Robert Henley
- 29/07/51 2 Whereas Richard Gorges Esqr on the 27th June last did purchase 287 acres late belonginge to Robert Wingfield Esqr in the 10th lott but noe conveyance is yet passed from the Companie, and whereas the said Robert Maningfield hath since agreed with **[Page 98]** the said Richard Gorges, and the said Richard Gorges is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contracte with the Companie for the said 287 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Richard Gorges, now present, testified by settinge his name here unto, that hee is to take no benefitt by his aforesaid contracte but that the said Robert Wingfield and his assigned to enjoy the aforesaid 287 acres as in his former right (the aforesaid contracte notwithstandinge) subject nevertheles to the

payment of all future taxes

Richard Gorges

- 29/07/51 3 Memorand. The Companie doe agree to meete constantly once a weeke at Mr Henley's howse untill further order and Thursday is the day appointed for the meetinge
- 30/07/51 1 Mr Gorges, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr North, Mr B Arthur, Mr Browne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Gerrard, Mr Allen, Mr Wakefield
- 30/07/51 2 Whereas Mr Baldwyn Arthur moved the Companie that they would receive the £9 which hee deteyned in his handes upon some abuse which hee concerned was done by Mr Baggallaye, an officer on the workes, which was referred to him to examyn, it is thought fitt **[Page 99]** and now ordered that Mr Arthur should still deteyne the same in his handes untill Michelmas next, at which tyme the busines is to bee fully examyned .
- 30/07/51 3 Ordered that Mr Jessop, receivor of the Company, doe forthwith paie or cause to bee paid the some of ten poundes unto Mr Bradley in respecte of his care and paynes both at Wisbech and Peterborough at severall meetinges of the Companie, there touchinge the late Acte of Adjudication
- 30/07/51 4 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond, it is ordered that a letter bee written unto him to desire him to send up word what contracts have byn made for banke floores and by whose direction the said was done and that Mr Thurloe and Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn the same
- 30/07/51 5 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Turner and also a paper there enclosed purportinge instructions for the overseer of the workes on the north side of Bedford River, it is ordered that Mr Thurloe have a copie of the same delivered unto him and that Mr Hamond and hee would take care to see the same put in execution.
- 01/08/51 1 Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Adam, Mr St John, Mr Wakefield, Collonell Robert Castell
- 01/08/51 2 Whereas the Companie were informed that a great deale of clipt money was paid in the Country to the workemen which hath occasioned a great complaintt and some aspersion cast on the Adventurers, and yet the receiver of the Companie hath byn very carefull and circumspecte in receivinge any bad money, it is therefore ordered that a letter bee sent unto the gent of the Companie resident on the workes to this effecte, that it is contrary to their mynde that the workemen should receive any chip money and that no man shall be bound hereafter to receive any clipt money in regard there is good money paid here and this letter is to bee read to the workemen
- 01/08/51 3 Whereas Mr William Stephens Esqr did lately purchase of and from the Companie 5900 acres, lately belonginge to the right honourable Henry Earl of Arundell, and security in the 8th, 13th, 16th and 18th lotts for default of payment of the tax of 15d an acre and due and payable 15th March last, there beinge noe conveyance of the said landes yet passed from the Companie unto the said William Stephens and whereas **[Page 100]** the said William Stephens hath made default in payinge in two other 15d taxes, one due the sixteenth June, the other due the 8th July last past for or in respecte of 5700 acres, parte of the said quantitie of Adventurer lande, to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as the said 5700 acres were

this daie exposed for sale for the taxes aforesaid, the other 200 acres being sold unto Walter St John Esqr, and whereas John Hopkinson now beinge present have offered £1799.99.00 for the purchase of the said 5700 acres and doth agree to pay and discharge all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as beinge their propounded (none offering more for the same) the Companie in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent doe hereby sell the said 5700 acres unto the said John Hopkinson and his heires to have and to hold the said 5700 acres unto him, the said John Hopkinson, his heires and assigned, provided that the said John Hopkinson or his assigned doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Jessop receivor of the Companie the said some of £1799.99.00 by Friday next, otherwise the order of sale bee null and void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, he, the said John Hopkinson, shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires.

Memorand that John Hopkinson does nominate Robert Henley Snr Esquire, Nathaniell Herringe, Walter St John and Thomas Allen to bee purchasers of the said Earl Of Arundells land.

01/08/51 4 Upon readinge the proposition in writinge debated in the sub-committee, it is ordered that the said bee entered into the booke of orders which is as followeth.

It is propounded that five or more of the Companie or others doe take up £10000 upon their security to bee kept in chest for the service of the Companie and to bee offered out for supply of payment of defaulters taxes and the interest for the same, so long as the said lyes unemployed, is to bee paid by spetiall order of the Companie, and the persons oblided to have the defaulters landes (as they shall make default and moneyes issued to supply such default), also lately conveyed unto them, and in case the landes to bee forfeited by defaulters and to bee conveyed to the said persons, to bee so obliged, shall not bee sufficient to repay the said £10000 and interest, as it shall grow due, that then the Companie doe engage themselves by the order to the persons oblided that they bee not damnified by such their engagement, all which is by the Companie ordered accordingly and the persons that shall bring in any money thereupon shall have the security above mentioned.

Memorand. Mr Henley and Mr St John doe confess to bee bound with others for the takinge up of the aforesaid some of 10000 for the good of the Companie

06/08/51 1 Lord Chief Justice St John, Walter St John, Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley Senior, Mr Crane, Mr Adams, Mr Andrew Henley, Collonell Robert Castell

06/08/51 2 **[Page 102 - Page 101 doesn't exist]** Upon readinge the proposition made Fridaie last touchinge the raisinge of some £10000, it is thought fitt that the same bee accepted as an order of the Companie, these words followinge beinge added thereunto viz -

All which is by the Companie ordered accordingly and the persons that shall have the security above mentioned.

06/08/51 3 Mr Adam is desired by the Companie present to draw up an order of finall discharge for Mr Henley as touchinge all accounts between him and the Companie duringe the tyme of his treasurershipp, whereupon the same is to bee entered in the booke of orders.

06/08/51 4 Ordered that the 5700 acres formerly belonginge to the Earl of Arundell and surveyed and purchased by William Stephens Esqr and by order lately sold to the clarke, to bee

disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, are to bee conveyed to Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Thomas Alleyn Esqr, Walter St John Esqr and Nathaniell Herringe Esqr, their heirs and assigned provided that one thousand seven hundred and ninety and nyne poundes nyne shillings and nyne pence, the purchase mony, which is arreare for taxes and for which the said land was sold, bee paid in by the persons above named at or before the 15th of this instant month to bee by the Companie disposed of as they shall thinke fitt at which tyme they also are to hand an assurance of the said lands unto them and their heirs.

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| 06/08/51 | 5 | Memorand that Robert Henley Snr Esqr does nominate John Maynard of the Middle Temple London Esqr to bee in his stead one of the purchasers of the Earl of Arundels land, together with the said Thomas Alleyn, Walter St John and Nathaniell Herringe and does desire hee may bee joyned with them in the conveyance of the said land |
| 06/08/51 | 6 | Whereas the 18th lott belonging to the right honourable Henry Earl of Arundell and surveyed and now in disposall of the Companie, beinge not yet disposed of, they doe hereby thinke fitt and doe order and assign 300 acres lyinge in Mildenhall unto William Adams Esqr for his 300 acres of that lott to hold in to him in fealty and he beinge then present did accept of the same |
| 07/08/51 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Adams, Mr Henry, Mr Crane, Mr Browne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trafford |
| 07/08/51 | 2 | Upon readinge a letter from Mr Towers and Colonell Thomas Castell on behalfe of the towne of Haddenham and other townes adjacent, it is ordered that an answer be sent to this effecte that at present they have ordered that the river bee rocked to prevent a sodaine dash of grayvel [Page 103] wherein they desire their assistance. And as of the greater workes, they doe resolve to goe on with them as fast as they can to prevent any future prejudice whatsoever, which letter was sent enclosed in a letter to Mr Hamond to desire him to take care to have it effectually done accordingly |
| 08/08/51 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Henley, Mr Adams, Mr Page, Mr Crane, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trenchard |
| 08/08/51 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Adams and Mr Crane bee desired to attend the Lord Chief Justice St John at his howse at Enfield tomorrow morninge touching the order of reference made by the Companie and upon the petitions of the Adventurers and the north side of Wisbech and in perticular touching the repayre of the banks between Bevis Hall and Guyhurne and the Companie is to wayte upon them with the papers and booke of orders and to provide a coach and horses for their accomodation at the expense of the Companie. |
| | | Memorand Mr Adams, Mr Crane and the clarke did accordingly attend the Lord Chief Justice Oliver St John with a coach to Enfield in pursuance of the said order. |
| 11/08/51 | 1 | Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr John Russell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Adams, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Browne |
| 11/08/51 | 2 | Mr Adams gave an account to the Companie what was the opinion of the Lord Chief Justice St John touching the repayre of the bancke from Benishall to Guyhurne and touching other matters conteyned in letters from the members of the Companie resident on the works |
| 11/08/51 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Adams, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard or any two or more of them are desired with all convenient speede to examyn what abuse have byn done to the Companie eyther in lettinge out of the workes and at what rate they were lett |

out as touching all other abuses whatsoever that have byn done to the Companie, and the Companie here or any two of them to that purpose are desired to repaire into the levell and shall duringe their abode on the workes have the same allowance as Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe.

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| 11/08/51 | 4 | <p>Upon readinge a letter from Mr Thurloe and other members of the Companie resident on the workes, it is ordered that a letter bee sent unto them in answer there unto as followeth</p> <p>1 The Companie retorne thanks unto them for their letter to desire that all possible speede may bee made to hasten more workemen on to the perfectinge of the workes on the northside of Bedford River.</p> <p>[Page 104] 2 To send up what money is in cash for the next pay daie and what the next pay day will amounte unto and so for the other pay days, as they can guesse, that so a supply may bee provided accordingly</p> |
| 13/08/51 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr Crane, Mr Herring |
| 13/08/51 | 2 | <p>Heades of a letter to Mr Thurloe viz -</p> <p>1 The Companie doe concieve it absolutely necessary that the banke from Erith to Mepal bee forthwith made up in regard they are enformed it will not cost above £1000 and will served a great parte of the Country</p> <p>2 They marvell they write nothinge of the pay days and what money is due and payable every pay day to send by word</p> <p>3 They desire the expeditor may forbear to charge any more bills for a weeke or ten days and doe conceive hee ought not to have much money remayning in his hands at this tyme untill the affayres of the nation bee settled</p> |
| 13/08/51 | 3 | Memorand Mr Jessop be desired to write a letter to the expeditor to stay his hand from charging him with bills for a weeke |
| 14/08/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Edward Russell, Mr Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr Partherich, Mr Alleyn, Mr Browne |
| 14/08/51 | 2 | <p>Heades of the letter to Mr Thurloe</p> <p>1 The Sheyre dreyne to bee deepened and the bankes 5 foote deepe and 40 foote wide</p> <p>2 The Companie desire that they would attend Colonell Walton to have the £60 per annum settled on the Companie mainteyninge Brotherhowse banke and consider how it may bee done</p> <p>3 To consider what the charge will bee to carry the bankes from Dowsdale to Brotherhowse, what one and the other will cost and give the Companie an account</p> <p>4 Touchinge Whittlesey dike mentioned in their letter, it is referred unto them to doe as they thinke fitt but first the Companie would have the other more materiall worke to be done - viz - the north bank of the Bedford River and the Sheyre dreyne</p> <p>5 Touchinge the gents stay on the workes, it is referred to themselves to stay if they please and acte according to the new instructions</p> |

6 The Companie doe thinke fitt and hereby order that Captain Kendall who is deputy governor of Crowland doe forthwith open the tonnell at Crowland and lett in water into Peterborough fenne for preservation of the cattell in this tyme of drought

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| 14/08/51 | 3 | [Page 105] Upon reading the order of refference to Colonell Walton, made by the Companie att Peterborough, with other papers, order that the same bee copied out and sent to the members of the Companie resident in the Great Levell |
| 15/08/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Adams, Mr North, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr Alleyn, Mr Williams, Mr St John, Mr Herring |
| 15/08/51 | 2 | Whereas the Companie were enformed that the Country were much discomforted that theire lande should bee cutt through and taken away from them by direction of some officers imployed by the Companie without eyther acquaintinge the owner therewith or lending them satisfaction contrary to the true intent and meaninge of the Companie, it is therefore ordered that a letter bee written to the members of the Companie resident on the workes to desire them to lett the Country know they shall have full satisfaction of any prejudice done unto them and in perticular for any land the Companie have cutt through and they are forthwith desired to make some declaration to the Companie touchinge the same |
| 15/08/51 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Adams and Mr Henley bee desired to draw up an Acte of Parliament for making it felony to cut the bankes of the Great Levell of the Fennes as in the Modike Banke at Marshland and that the Parliament would forthwith passe the same |
| 15/08/51 | 4 | Parte of the letter to Mr Thurloe

That the Companie would have them take notice that theire money comes in very well that therefore they would sett on whatsoever workemen they can on the workes on the north side of Bedford River and there shall be noe want of any money and this they desire shall bee forthwith communicated to the workemen. |
| 29/08/51 | 1 | Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Browne, Mr Herringe, Mr Alleyn, Mr Bradley, Mr Page |
| 29/08/51 | 2 | Whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuyden hath from tyme to tyme received severall orders from the Companie as well orders of comptroll as otherwise for the speedy perfectinge of the workes on the north side of Bedford River and not to enter upon the doinge of the works on the south side untill the works on the north side thereof were finished, notwithstanding all which, the Companie have lately received a letter from him whereby hee presseth to have works on the south side of Bedford River to goe on, whereupon the Companie, taking the said into consideration, and finding that the six weekes tyme lymitted in their order of the 17 July last for the doinge that part of the south side of Bedford River about Well and Welnea is now expired and that the north side thereof is so farre from beinge finished and perfected in the division and [Page 106] indikes, as that the same are hardly begun this yeare, also beinge farr spent which hath byn occasioned through the eager prosecution of the works on the south side Bedford River, contrary to the severall orders of the Companie, as aforesaid, contrary to diverse orders of comptroll forbidding the same, all which at longe debate the Companie, takinge this into consideration, doe resolve to adhere to theire former orders for the goinge on and perfecting the severall workes on the north side of Bedford River before any prosecution be made of the workes on the south side, and therefore doe accordingly hereby order that all the workmen whatsoever that are imployed on the workes of the south side of Bedford River shall from hence forward forbear to worke any longer on the workes of the southside |

untill the division and indikes and other workes on the north side of Bedford river bee perfectly finished. And it is further ordered in pursuance thereof that the expeditor issue out noe money whatsoever towards the works on the south side of Bedford river or any part thereof untill the workes on the north side thereof bee done. And hereof the Companie doe expecte a vigorous prosecution by all their officers imployed in the great level of the Fennes. And the Company doe hereby desire the members of comptroll to take this order in their consideration and make some order therein to bee sent downe to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden.

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| 29/08/51 | 3 | <p>Wee whose names are here under written members of the comptroll, takinge into consideration of the order of the Companie, now this daie doe hereby approve of and confirm the same and in pursuance of the power to us given hereby thinke fitt and order that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden desist from any further prosecution of any parte of the worke on the south side of Bedford River untill the workes on the north side thereof bee fully finished and done and to that purpose wee expecte hee should submitt to this order of comptroll in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement made betweene him and the Companie, in witness whereof wee have hereunto accordingly sett our hands the day and yeare above written.</p> |
| 29/08/51 | 4 | <p>Upon reading the letter of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, it is ordered that Mr Henley retorne an answer there of as followeth</p> <p>That the Companie wonder there was such a report raised that the workemen were discharged for want of money whereas the contrary hath byn apparently proved</p> <p>That it had byn a seasonable tyme to hath had done such workes on the southside if the northside of Bedford River had byn finished but untill then his argument in his letter does not at all prevayle with them. Besides the 6 weekes tyme limitted in the order 17 July last is expired and therefore it is expected that workes in the north side of the Bedford River should now be done</p> <p>That as to any clamours for not doinge the south side, it cannot reflect them in regard it was first undertaken contrary to their orders</p> |
| 29/08/51 | 5 | <p>Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond in answer to his letter the 25 August to this effecte that the Companie cannot but wonder that if Sir Cornelius Vermuyden should take upon himself to dispose of their money and doe desire him, with the assistance of Mr Thurloe, to examyn what money hath byn paid and by whose order and to whom, for unles it bee done by their direction they doe not approve thereof. That they expecte an account from Sir Cornelius if hee disobey of dispute their orders</p> |
| 29/08/51 | 6 | <p>[Page 107] That the expeditor bee desired to send upon account of what money is weekly in cash that the Company may not bee put the trouble of sendinge down an accouptant</p> |
| 29/08/51 | 7 | <p>Ordered that a letter bee sent to the expeditor that hee issue noe more money but for discharge of the worke on the north side and another letter bee sent to Mr Burton that hee enter upon noe other workes but such as to bee made on the north side of Bedford River</p> |
| 12/09/51 | 1 | <p>Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Latch, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Browne, Mr St John, Mr Herring, Mr North</p> |

12/09/51	2	The Companie, takinge into their consideration their order of the 11th August last touchinge the examynation of all abuses done against the Companie, doe now againe consider the said order and doe desire the sub-committee therein named doe repayre into the Great Levell of the Fennes, there to acte and doe according to the same order, and they are to give the Companie account thereof
12/09/51	3	Memorand that Mr Warford bee desired to goe downe into the Great Levell of the Fennes and assist Mr Burton in the contracting for and letting out of workes and that noe contracte shall be of force untill the same be signed as well by Mr Warford as Mr Burton
12/09/51	4	Memorand that Mr Burton bee desired to give notice unto the officers of the treasury or one of them whensoever the some of goods is expended and layed out towards the workes of dreyninge, to bee accounted from the 25th of January 1649 (besides the charge of officers sallaryes, purchase of landes for conveniency of dreyninge, suytes in law and Companie meetings), and Mr Jessop is to conferr with the expendor touchinge the same, and in the case of the charge of dreyninge (besides the charge afore said) shall exceede the some of £100000, Mr Jessop is likewise desired to give notice thereof to the officers of the treasury or one of them to the intent of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden (within 6 monthes after notice thereof given unto him) may satisfie and paie towards the charge of dreyninge afore said the full some of £1894 for his proportion of the said £90000 in respecte to his 4000 acres of Adventurers landes in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement of 25th June 1649.
17/09/51	1	[Page 108] Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Page, Mr Browne, Mr John Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Herringe
17/09/51	2	Whereas John Browne, assigned of John Russell and Edward Russell Esquires, havinge made default in payinge the two taxes due the 15th August and the other the first of this instant September for his 150 acres in the third lott to the prejudice of the Companie notwithstandinge severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch the said 150 acres were this daie exposed to sale and Mr Robert Yarway, beinge present, offered 26s an acre on behalfe of himself and Edmund Castell gent, whereupon the same beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parlimanent, doe hereby sell the said 150 acres unto the said Robert Yarway and Edmund Castell and their heires and assigned, provided that they pay, or cause to bee paid, unto Mr Jessop, receivor of the Companie, the said purchase money of 25s an acre forthwith, otherwise the order of sale bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum thereof, the said Robert Yarway and Edmund Castell shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto them and their heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to their heires.
17/09/51	3	Ordered that on Fridaie next the Companie doe intend to make sale of all defaulters landes and all Adventurers now in towne to have notice thereof.
19/09/51	1	Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Williams, Mr Alleyn, Mr Herring, Mr Wakefield, Mr North, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne, Mr Trafford
19/09/51	2	Memorandum. Whereas severall letters were read over, one from Mr Hamond, another from Mr Thurloe, with an estimate of the workes enclosed and a third from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, directed to Mr Henley touchinge the carryinge away of the [Page 109] new banks in carts, whereupon Mr Henley acquainted the Companie that hee hath sent an answer unto it to this effecte, that speedy course may bee undertaken for apprehendinge all such persons as shall malishiously carry away the

bancke and that Lord St John now on the place would bee pleased to direct the Companie to further course they shall take therein, which answer the Companie doe approve of, and in pursuance thereof doe desire the members of the Companie resident on the workes to take speedy course of preservation of their banckes.

- 19/09/51 3 Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Thurloe as touching ways and passages that care bee taken in makinge thereof so that they may bee made for the best advantage of the Adventurers and at the least charge, and peticularly to carry the way from Honey Hardes to Popham Eau by the 12 foote dikes on the north side of the Adventurers lande in Stony Fenne and so by the dikes on the south side of the Adventurers land in Easymoore.
- 19/09/51 4 Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration the many good services done unto them by Mr Henley, both in answeringe letters and otherwise and also in the use of his howse on the severall daies of meetinges, doe hereby thinke fitt and order that hee shall have £100 paid and contynued and paid unto him from the expiration of his former sallary and Mr Jessop, receivor of the Companie, is to pay the same accordingly, and this order from tyme to tyme shall bee his sufficient discharge for the payment thereof.
- 19/09/51 5 Sir Edward Partherich acquainted the Companie that his money for the too last taxes is already paid in the Country but havinge not as yet sent a note thereof desires that his landes may be respited from sale untill hee receive a note thereof which the Companie did assent unto
- 19/09/51 6 Whereas 5700 acres in the 8th, 13th and 18th lotts belonginge to the right honourable Earl of Arundell and surveyed and lately contracted for by William Stephens of the Middle Temple London Esquire for default of payment of £2367.10.00, parte of the taxes of 15d an acre this yeare sett and imposed, were this daie exposed to sale (there beinge noe conveyance of the said landes as yet from the Companie passed to the said Mr Stephens), now forasmuch as Nathaniall Herringe of London Merchant, beinge this daie present on behalfe of himself, John Maynard of the Middle Temple London Esqr, Thomas Alleyn of London grocer and Walter St John of Battersey, in the said County of Middlesex Esqr, offered £2511.19.00 for the purchase of the said 5700 acres which does include the said some of £2367.10.00 and £144.09.00, an old arrere upon the same, and doth agree to pay all future taxes growinge due for the same, in consideration where of and for as much as beinge their propounded (none offerting more for the same) the Companie in pursuance of the Acte of Parliment doe hereby sell the said 5700 acres unto the said Nathaniall Herringe, Walter St John, John Maynard and Thomas Allyen and their heires to have and to hold the said 5700 acres unto them the said Nathaniall Herringe, Walter St John, [Page 110] John Maynard and Thomas Allyen their heires and assigned, provided that the said purchase money and every parte thereof bee paid to the receivor of the Companie by this daie sennight, otherwise the order of sale bee null and void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, they, the said Nathaniall Herringe, Walter St John, John Maynard and Thomas Allyen shall have an assurance of the said land from the Companie made unto them and their heires or unto such person or persons as they shall nominate and to their heires.
- 19/09/51 7 Ordered that a letter be sent unto the members of the Companie resident on the workes to lett them know that Mr Jessop does intend to goe downe about the end of this month to take the accoumpt in the Country, against which tyme the expendor and all of their officers are to state and make up their accoumpts to the last day of this month.

19/09/51	8	Ordered that a letter be written to the Lord Chief Justice St John that the daie of thanks givinge is putt off untill the 24th October next, and that the Companie doe all intend to adjourne into the Fennes on this daie fortnight next
19/09/51	9	Upon readinge the petition of John Evans, it is ordered that the same bee recommended unto Mr Thurloe, and the Companie doe desire him to take the same into consideration and afford unto the petitioner some redres therein as hee shall in his judgement thinke fitt
28/09/51	1	Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Alleyn, Mr Herring, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr John Russell, Mr Forster, Mr Culpeper, Mr Trenchard
28/09/51	2	Whereas the Companie, having had certaine intelligence that the works on the north side of Bedford river are now in a very good forwarding which were formerly very much delayed, doe hereby thinke fitt and order that the works on the south side of Bedford river bee forthwith taken in hand and, in perticular, that the workemen employed in bottoming the new river to begin at first with a peece of that river that is to say from Salters Lode as high as Welches dam and, afterwards, to be employed on the other workes on the south side of the Bedford river. And forasmuch as the clarke comptroller and overseers have not persued their orders and instructions of the Companie to their great prejudice, it is thought fitt and further ordered that the expeditor doe forthwith make staie of their respective sallaryes untill further order is enclosed in a letter made to them by the Company
28/09/51	3	Ordered that Mr Henley retorne thanks to Mr Thurloe and Mr Hamond for their care of their affayres and send the aforesaid order inclosed in a letter unto them for bottominge of the new river
28/09/51	4	[Page 111] Ordered that a notice bee given by the messenger of the Companie unto all the Adventurers in towne that all defaulters landes are to bee sold on Wednesdaie next
28/09/51	5	Whereas it much concerned the service of the Companie to bee informed of this yeares disbursements and of the moneyes remayninge in cash, that they may better determyn, touchinge their further proceedings, in point of expense they have therefore thought fitt, to desire Mr Jessop speedily to goe downe to and take a summary view of the expences made by the expeditor and those who acte under him to the ende of this month. And hee is hereby authorised and ordered to call before him all the officers of the Companie whatsoever that have byn employed in any kinde for the receivinge and issuinge of any the Companies moneyes and all other their officers whose employments doe any way referre to the said accoumpts. To this ende, hee may bee enabled to certifie the Companie what this yeares expences doe amount unto and what remayninge in cash belowe in the Country and what abuses, if any have byn committed in the management of the accoumpt, which hee is to certifie accordingly with the first opportunity.
01/10/51	1	Earle of Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Alleyn, Mr John Russell, Mr Fountayne, Mr Robert Herring
01/10/51	2	That Mr George Smith, clarke of the Companie, shall have liberty to goe downe into the Great Levell of the Fennes for a fortnight, hee leaving John Hopkinson deputy clarke in his absence

01/10/51	3	That Mr Fountayne and Mr Henley are desired to take a view of the Scotch prisoners and to entertayne so many of them as are willing to bee employed in the services of the Companie on the workes, and to advise with my Lord St John what is fitt for the Companie to doe therein and what condicions the Companie shall be bound unto.
06/10/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Thomas Browne, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Bradley, Mr Adams, Mr B Arthur
06/10/51	2	[Page 112] Whereas the Companie present, taking into consideration the necessity of carryinge away the downfall from the great tract of grownd on the north side of Bedford River about Honey Blacke Fenne, Maney Stoney Fenn, Loxmoore, Graies Fenne, Ensymoore where the Adventurers have about 8000 acres, doe thinke fitt and hereby order Mr Burton, theire principall overseer, doe enlarge the division dreyne that lead from Honey Hardes downwards through Stoney Fenne unto embanked Horse Moore unto 16 foote wide and cut a dreyne of 16 foote through the said imbanked growndes to joyne the said division dreyne unto the next division dreyne below which hee is by the like dreyne to leade into Popham's Eau and that hee is to open 20 foote wide and six foote deepe and make it 16 foote wide in the bottome. The said 16 foote dreyne is also to bee made 6 foote deepe. And to the ende that there may be a passage to the said Adventurers landes, hee is to make a highway all along the said 16 foote dreyne of 40 foote wide and on the other side thereof to make a dreyne of 10 foote wide and 5 foote deepe, all the earth to bee fessed up into the middle of the banke, barell wise.
06/10/51	3	Ordered that Mr Burton make a highway from Whittlesey to Upwood hardes with a twelve foote dike on each, this keepinge the breadth as it was before, the earth to be fessed up barrelwise.
06/10/51	4	Ordered that Mr Burton make a highway from Bevills Leam where it crosses Delfe Dike up to Ramsey followinge the lyne as it goeth to the dam over Neane, couplinge it with the way between Vermuydens Eau to bee made by a 10 foote dike.
06/10/51	5	Ordered that Mr Burton doe make Whittlesey Dike from the corner on this side, Hungrey Byall upwards, 16 foote wyde and 6 foote deepe from the levell soyle, the earth to be throwne all on the south side as it is allready begun and fessed 3 foote, and he is to have it worked so that the earth fall not in, and the same to bee 12 foote in the bottome and 5 foote deepe, and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to sett it out the best and nearest way.
06/10/51	6	Ordered that a highway be made from Somersham hard land unto Chatris hards by the ferry, and on such side thereof there is to bee made a 12 foote dike
06/10/51	7	Ordered that the stopps and gravells that are anywhere upon the river of Neane between Whittlesey Meare and Pophams Eau bee taken away, espetially that the stop that is under March bridge by a gravell, and in other places in March towne bee speedily removed
06/10/51	8	Ordered that if the towne of Yaxley will scowre out Yaxley Lode from the towne into the Mere 6 foote deepe, the Companie will contribute towards it the some of fiftie poundes, the same paid to them in proportion as the workes goes on, notwithstanding they are first to bee treated so see if they will take lesse, and Mr Moore or Mr Burton or eyther of them are to treat with them. Beside scowring out the leame, they are to force the brookes of Yaxley into the said meare by layinge a bank on the fenn side.

06/10/51	9	Ordered that the division dikes on the north side of Bedford River bee first done and perfected before the highways, above directed, bee done.
06/10/51	10	Ordered that Mr Bradley, one of the members of the Companie, and Mr Browne their solicitor, be desired to attend Mr Miles Sandys to know of him what severalls were cut through at the making of old Bedford River and what compositions were made and what some of money was paid or agreed upon to bee paid and was not paid, as also with whome and what quantities of land, and they are to report the same to the Companie with all convenient speede.
06/10/51	11	[Page 113] For as much as severall orders were made for the decidinge of the Adventurers parts and proportions of lande on the north side of Bedford River from the Country, which hath not byn observed nor put in due execution, but their hath byn partiality shewn to some Adventurers to their great prejudice and discouragement others, havinge had their landes divided out and crops of grain this yeare growinge thereon, it is therefore ordered that Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe, now in the place, doe forthwith take especiall care to hand all the Adventurers parts and proportions of land in the north side of Bedford River, without exception, speedily divided and diked out from the Country that noe man may have any further wise cause of complaint.
06/10/51	12	Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe with the severall orders of this day sent inclosed, as also whereas the Companie desired by former letter a suspension of the officers salaryes, doe now upon information given unto them of the neglecte of their overseers in their imployment, thinke fitt to leave it to their discretion to imploy as many as they thinke necessary and to dismisse the rest. And beinge also informed of many other abuses in their officers, in perticular some that are upon pretence that workes are not perfected, doe abate and stop money in their hands which the Companie parts with all and the officer deteynes in his hands and yet the worke not done to the great prejudice to the Companie and hath occasioned great clamour from the Country, they desire that this may bee by them examyned and certified and the Companie vindicated herein.
06/10/51	13	Upon perusal of the order of the Lords Comissioners made at Peterborough, as also the order of the Companie made at St Ives touchinge the first lott, it is ordered that noe contracts, already made or to bee made by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for any land parcell of the first lott, shall be of any force or validity
06/10/51	14	Whereas the Companie, havinge agreed to proceede on with the workes on the south side of Bedford River and understandinge that many barres, planks, and other materialls, necessary and conducinge there unto, are missinge and lent out and disposed of by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for other purposes, without any leave of the Companie, which hath induced many workemen to leave the workes to the great disservice of the Companie, it is therefore ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe forthwith cause the barrs, planks and other materialls to bee brought back againe and made use of in the service of the Companie, which if hee shall fail to doe, the Companie will expecte recompense and satisfaction from him. And Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe are hereby desired to see the same performed and that the said barres, planks and other materialls bee restored in number and qualitee as they were lent out.
06/10/51	15	Whereas Mr Jessop hath humbly moved the Companie that in respecte to his wifes sickness, his goinge downe to the Fennes for statinge the accounts of the expendor may bee at present spared which the Companie hath consented unto. And whereas it will bee much conducing to the Companies service to have an abstracte sent them of

all the moneyes issued and expended in any of their workes since the passing of the [Page 114] expeditor account by Mr Jessop in January last, it is therefore ordered that Mr Tench the comptroller doe call unto him the principall overseers and all the under overseers of any of the Companie workes and all other the Companies officers whom this may concern and from them receive duplicates of all such contracts, agreements, bills and other allowances, whereof duplicates are not already to him transmitted, as have byn delivered to the expeditor or his deputy as vouchers or warrants for the payment of any money for the Companies service, or which may anyway referre to the expeditors account and thereupon to receive from the expeditor and the several sub expeditors, such others as have byn employed by Lieutenant Colonell Underwood about the accounts, an abstracte of their respective payments from the tyme of Mr Jessops auditinge of the accounts to the first day of November next, whether the same arise upon rod workes, dayes workes, materiall, sallaries, sluice worke, contracts for landes and damages or otherwise which payments the said Mr Tench is carefully to compare with the duplicates soe returned and delivered to him, and to enforme himselfe whether any and what payments have byn made by the expeditor or his deputies for which noe such vouchers or warrants have byn delivered, and, in generall, whether any and what payments have byn made differently from the Companie instructions of the 18th Aprill last, and thereupon to make out a distinct abstracte of their severall and respective payments upon the severall workes under the severall heades afore mentioned, and the same to retorne to the Companie with the first opportunitye, together with his observations touching the not performinge of the said instructions. And Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, the expeditor, is desired to give his best furtherance and assistance to Mr Tench for the speedy dispatch of this service. And it is further ordered that a copie of the Companies said instructions of this Aprill bee sent to Mr Tench whereof hee is to make the best use hee can for his enablinge with most advantage to accomplish what is hereby given him in charge which hee is to prosecute to effecte with all diligence and expedition.

10/10/51	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Herringe, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Wakefield
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10/10/51	2	Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe touching lott devisions as followeth viz -
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I am comanded by the Companie to lett you know that they are followed with daily complaints from severall members of the Companie that much of the levell adjudged dreyned is left undivided from the Country and in the meane tyme other parts of the said adjudged levell is not onely divided from the Country but also one lott divided from another, whereby some Adventurers are in present possession and make profit of their shares, whilst others are left altogether unprovided for in that perticular, which (if true) favors much partiallity and may occasion differences amongst them, which in prudence they thinke fitt by all meanes to endeavor to prevent and therefore as they, by former order appointed that all that part of the levell yet unsewered from the Country bee presently divided, so they have ordered and required wee hereby to signifie to you that it is the sense and order of the Companie [Page 115] that such part of each lott as is adjudged dreyned, bee presently as fully sewered and divided without partiallity or inequality as any other lott is already done, both from the Country and amongst themselves

11/10/51	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr Latch, Mr Alleyne
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11/10/51	2	<p>The Companie, havinge lately received an order from the Councell of State for imployinge of the private Scotch prisoners in the workes of dreyninge, did order that a letter bee written unto my Lord Chiefe Justice Saint John as followeth:</p> <p>May it please your Lordshipp the greatest part of all our tyme this weeke and the last hath byn spent in contriving which way wee might best dispose of such of the Scotch prisoners in Totchill Fields as were able to worke and the state should please to entrust us with for preventinge their runninge away or actinge any thinge prejudiciall to the present Government and keeping them at worke: To that ende, wee did resolve and propose to become petitioners to his Excellencye the Lord Generall that hee would bee pleased to appoint some person in nature of provost marshall to whome the Companie would allow a reasonable sallary for his service to take care of them, and prevente their straglinge and punish the offender, and wee intended to have clothed them all in a white habite or some other colour with cappes of different colour, whereby they might be knowne from Englishmen, and lay a charge upon our overseers and officers in the works if any of them were absent from their workes or did oppose the established government, to give present notice to the provost marshall, who had the charge of them, to apprehend and punish them as the state of his Excellencye should please to directe. And wee did hope that they might have byn brought to good discipline, as receiving a fittinge reward from us for their labour they might have just cause to blesse God for the parliamentary mercy to them. By order from the Councill of State of the 10th of this instant, wee understand that security is required to pay £5 for every man (exceeding 10 in a 100), which shall goe beyond Trent or which shall acte anythinge prefudiciall to the state, which is an engagement the Companie are fearefull to enter into for persons of their qualitye and condition, and therefore unles the state shall bee pleased to take of the securitye by their order required and accept other said proposalls (which, as wee conceive is all wee cann safely doe, wee dare not meddle with them which wee thinke our duty to make knowne to your Lordshipp, being very sorry for your Lordshipp's trouble in this busines for which as wee have just cause, wee shall ever acknowledge your Lordshipp's favour intended to the Companie herein, and expressed upon all occasions both to the Companie in generall and to your Lordshipp's most humble servant.</p> <p>John Fountayne, Robert Henley, John Trenchard, John Latch, Roger North, Thomas Alleyn</p>
14/10/51	1	[Page 116] Robert Henley Snr, Mr Adams, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Henley, Mr North
14/10/51	2	Mr Say, Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley, Mr Fountayne and Mr Latch, or any two of them, are desired to wayte on his Excellency the Lord Generall to obteyne a warrant for the delivery of the Scotch prisoners for the use of the Companie accordinge to the order of the Councell of State, and to make the best contract they can touchinge the said prisoners and with least prejudice to the Companie, and to procure the delivery of the said prisoners at Erith if they can
14/10/51	3	Mr North, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne and Mr Bradley, Mr Henley and Mr Trafford, or any two of them, are desired to take a list and view and make choice of such of the Scotch prisoners as they shall conceive fitt for the service of the Companie in order to the sendinge of them to the Fennes
14/10/51	4	Memorand: To imploy the Scottish prisoners first for securinge the adjudged part from the Countrye and to perfect the generall workes of the Companie on the north side of Bedford river before they bee imployed on the south side

14/10/51	5	Whereas the Councill of State have thought fitt by their order of 13th of October 1651 to appoint such Scottish prisoners as are fitt and able to worke to bee sett on worke by the Companie in theire workes of the Fennes, and whereas Major Miller, Major of Collonell Baxters regiments, hath recommended one John Johnston for a person very fitt to receive and take the care of the said Scottish prisoners according to the said order, it is therefore ordered that the said John Johnston doe receive the said Scottish prisoners, and hee is to take care that the said Scottish prisoners or any of them doe not depart or absent themselves contrary to the said order but cause them to bee sett on workes in such sort as the Companie or five or more of them or their officers in the Fennes shall from tyme to tyme directe, and for his paynes hee shall receive a fitting sallary to bee paid him by the receiver or expendor for the Companie for which this order shall be their warrant
15/10/51	1	Mr John Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Colonell Jones, Mr North, Mr Bradley, Mr Robert Henley Snr
15/10/51	2	Ordered that Thomas Bunbury and Hugh Farnham, or one of them, doe receive at Erith one hundred sixty five Scotch prisoners from Corporall Foster for the use and service of the Companie of Adventurers for dreyninge of the Great Levell of the Fennes and to give a receipt for so many as hee shall receive, not reckoning women or boys, hee or they givinge security to Gaulter Frost Esquire Secretary to the Councill of State for the use of the state, according to an order of the Councill of State of the 13th of October 1651
15/10/51	3	[Page 117] Ordered that Thomas Bunbury and Hugh Farnham or such as shall receive the Scotch prisoners from Corporall Foster to the use and service of the Companie, shall bee disposed and imployed in the workes of dreyninge as Anthony Hamond, John Thurloe and John Walker Esquires or any of them shall directe and appointe
15/10/51	4	Ordered that all the officers of the workes in the Great Levell of the Fennes shall use their best endeavour to prevent all or any of the Scotch prisoners now sent downe from goinge beyonde Trent without the leave of those authorized by the Councill of State or the Adventurers for dreyninge the said Great Levell, in pursuance of the order of the Councill of State of the 13th of October 1651
15/10/51	5	Ordered that John Kelsey bee overseer in chiefe of all the Scottish prisoners, and wherein hee shall find anything amis or defective in them or any of the workes of the whole levell to endeavour the amendment and forthwith to certifie the Companie the truth of the same. And for his sallary hee shall receive and have ten shillings six pence a weeke for the yeare ensuinge, to begin from this daie, whereof hee shall have nyne shillings paid unto him weekly or monthly as he shall desire and the rest at the yeare ende
15/10/51	6	It is ordered that the clarke of the Companie doe once every month certifie the Councill of State the number of the Scottish prisoners and what decrease there is of them, eyther by death or otherwise. And all the officers of the Companie in case of absence or death of any of them, are forthwith to certifie the same to the clarke of the Companie, and how ever once every month to certifie the Companie what number of Scottish prisoners are upon the workes

15/10/51	7	Ordered that Mr Jessop, receiver of the Companie, doe pay or cause to bee paid all such some or somes of money as have or shall bee expended and layd out in order to the going downe of the Scottish prisoners, as shall bee sett downe in writinge and allowed by Robert Henley and John Fountayne Esquires
15/10/51	8	Ordered that 666 yards of white kersey, not exceeding the rate of 2s or 2s 3d the yard, bee contracted for which is to bee made use of in makinge clothes for the use and service of the Scottish prisoners now first downe in the Fennes, and Colonell Samuell Jones, one of the members of the Companie, is desired to contracte for the same for the best advantage of the Companie, whereupon the Companie, allowinge thereof, Mr Jessop the receiver is to make payment accordingly
15/10/51	9	Mr Bradley is desired to make enquiry of the price of cappes, which are to bee bought and sent downe for the use and service of the Scottish prisoners and lately sent downe upon the workes
15/10/51	10	That Mr Trenchard is hereby contented and doth agree to bee responsible for one William Cristen, and Mr Trafford doth the like for William Worley two Scottish prisoners, and they doe undertake that the said prisoners shall bee ready at the disposal of the Companie whensoever they shall thinke fit
15/10/51	11	[Page 118] Ordered that a letter bee written and sent downe to Mr Hamond and Mr Thurloe with copies of the severall orders made this day, whereby they may be acquainted with the providing of the Companie as touchinge the goinge down of the Scottish prisoners to bee imployed in general workes of the Fennes
16/10/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Bradley, Mr Adams, Mr North, Mr Henley
16/10/51	2	It is ordered by the Companie of Adventurers for the dreyninge the Great Levell of the Fennes that the bearer hereof, Thomas Bunbury, doe with all convenient speede repayre to Yorke and apply himselfe to the commander of the guard of the Scotch prisoners there, and to desire to see them drawne forth, and thereby to informe himselfe how many able persons there are of them, hayle and sound without wives and willinge and accustomed to labour, and forthwith to return the Companie account thereof by the first post, that according to an order of the Councell of State in that behalfe of the 13th of October, the Companie may provide for the disposall of such of them at Peterburgh as are fitt for their service.
16/10/51	3	Ordered that Thomas Bunbury doe receive them at Peterburgh and give security as hee hath done for those att Tothill Fields
16/10/51	4	Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir William Manson to desire him to write to the Commissioners at Yorke to send to Peterburgh all such Scottish prisoners as Thomas Bunbury shall allow of and certifie the tyme when they shall bee there
16/10/51	5	Ordered that Mr Walker, one of the members of the Companie, bee desired to goe downe to Yorke, there to exercise power of comptroll over Thomas Bunbury in the choice of the Scottish prisoners and that none bee chosen but men hayle and sound of bodies and able and fitt for labour.
17/10/51	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr John Russell, Colonell Jones, Mr Bradley
17/10/51	2	The Companie took into their consideration the pay of arreres and all such as have made default in payinge their taxes, whereupon it is ordered that Wednesdaie next

will bee the daie planned for the sale of all defaulters landes

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| 17/10/51 | 3 | [Page 119] Mr Trenchard is desired to treat with some man to provide shoes for the service of the Scottish labourers, some to be 12, some 13 and some of 14 sizes |
| 17/10/51 | 4 | Ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch or Mr Browne or any two of them are desired to meete tomorrow morning and then agree to the sending downe of cappes for the service of the Scotch labourers, and at what rates and prices and to conclude and agree for the same |
| 17/10/51 | 5 | Motion was made that Mr Drewery of Erith may bee imployed in preservinge the banckes thereabouts, for which hee onely would desire the feedinge of the banckes for his sheepe, whereupon the Companie desired that hee would put downe his proposition in writinge and thereupon they would take the same into their consideration |
| 17/10/51 | 6 | Whereas Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard informed the Companie that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden hath expended so much moneye in the dreyninge that now, accordinge to the Articles, hee ought to pay taxes for his landes which hee is to have as his recompence and which lye in the 5th lott, and desires releife therein. Now in regard Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is not present to make his defence, the Companie cannot make any conclusive order therein, and Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard beinge willing to pay down the taxes for the present use of the Companie so as they may not thereby prejudice themselves, in case it shall appeare that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden ought to paie the some or any part thereof, it is thereupon ordered that the said Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard, layinge downe with the receivor so much money as the taxes will amount unto that the said lott shall not bee for the present bee sold and that if, hereafter, it shall appeare that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden ought to pay the same or any part thereof, that their layinge downe the money for taxes by this order shall not prejudice them but that they Companie shall bee at libertie hereafter to sell the same for non payment of the taxes and thereby reimburse the said Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard the money they shall lay downe according to this order |
| 17/10/51 | 7 | Ordered that 3000 acres of Mr William Cranes in the 16th lott, beinge now exposed to sale, and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £510 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appointe, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the receivor of the Companie within a weeke |
| 17/10/51 | 8 | Ordered that 2000 acres, part of 2700 acres of Mr Bales and companie in the 20th lott, beinge now exposed to sale, and their proportion were sold to the clarke for £250 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid into the receivor of the Companie within a weeke |
| 17/10/51 | 9 | [Page 120] The Companie doe order and declare that they will not allow any money upon the accompts of any of the officer or officers of the Companie but such as has byn paid in pursuance of the orders of the Companie. And Mr Tench, the clarke comptroller, is hereby ordered once every fortnight to send up to the Companie an abstracte of the workes done and the moneyes issued according to the entries in his booke, and if hee shall neglecte his duties therein, the Companie will displace him. And this order is to bee sent downe to the gents of the Companie upon the place and to bee published to all the officers in generall that none may hereafter plead ignorance. |

22/10/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr North, Mr Fountayne, Mr Cage, Mr Trenchard, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley
22/10/51	2	Proposition beinge made for some gratuity to bee given to Corporall Foster and the Companie that went downe with the Scottish prisoners, whereupon the Companie orders that their receiver doe give them fortie shillings as a gratuity from them
22/10/51	3	Motion was made that the Companie would entertayne some Scottish prisoners that are new at Nottingham and they shall be delivered at Erith without any charge to the Companie
22/10/51	4	<p>Ordered that the Companie write a letter to Mr St John for this purpose</p> <p>The Companie were informed this day that whereas you did contracte with them for the purchase of 1000 acres of Adventurers landes belonginge to Sir Charles Harbord and the Earl of Arundell in the 16th lott at the rate of £37.06.00 an acre, amountinge to the some of £1875, and that at your owne instance and request they have sealed a conveyance thereof, which remaynes in Mr Jessops hands, the purchase money nor any parte thereof beinge as yett paid, upon some debate thereof and readinge of your letter of the 8th October last, the Companie have comanded mee to signifie unto you that they doe expecte you should pay in your purchase money and accept of your deed otherwise a great prejudice will redownd unto them, the expendor havinge lately charged them with severall bills of exchange to the sum of £3000. And this is all at present I have in charge</p> <p>Signed by command of the Companie</p>
22/10/51	5	Mr Drury of Erith, beinge called in, Mr Henley, in the name of the Companie, retorned his thanks for his former abilliteyes unto them and for their affection and well wishes to the providinge of the workes of dreyninge
22/10/51	6	[Page 121] Ordered that 1500 acres, part of 2000 acres of Arthur Samuelle and John Miller Esqr in the 4th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £187.10.00 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke
22/10/51	7	Ordered that 1850 acres of Mr Charles Parsons and John Bridgeman in the 7th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £231.05.00 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke
22/10/51	8	Ordered that 1850 acres of Edward Smith and John Miller in the 7th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £231.05.00 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke
22/10/51	9	Ordered that 1095 acres of John Watts in the 10th and 13th lotts, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £136.17.06 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke
22/10/51	10	Ordered that 1000 acres of Mr William Legge in the 17th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and there propounded, were sold to the clarke for £70 to bee disposed of as the

Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke

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| 22/10/51 | 11 | Ordered that 333 and 1/3 acres part of area belonging to Lady Elizabeth Hamond in the 12th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £42.13.04 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke |
| 22/10/51 | 12 | Ordered that 1801 acres, part of the remaynder of Sir Filbert Vernatts share, or his assigned, in the 8th lott, beinge now exposed to sale and their propounded, were sold to the clarke for £225.05.00 to bee disposed of as the Companie shall appoint, provided that the said purchase money and every part thereof bee paid unto the revenue of the Companie in a weeke |
| 23/10/51 | 1 | Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Fountayne, Mr Alleyn, Mr Bradford |
| 23/10/51 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Jessop, receiver of the Companie, doe paie all such several bills of expence as are to bee paid for and towards the provision of clothes, shoes and other necessaryes for the service of the Scotch prisoners employed on the workes, the said several bills beinge first approved of and signed by Robert Henley and John Fountayne Esquires, and this order shall be the Receivors warrant |
| 23/10/51 | 3 | Ordered that a letter now drawne and approved by the Companie bee sent to Mr Hamond and the Adventurers in the Country and that the said letter bee a sufficient warrant to Mr Hamond or any other of the Adventurers to give comptroll to the expendor according to the said contents of the said letter and this order to bee sent with the said letter enclosed, which letter followes in <i>her verba</i> - viz |

The Companie have such sodaine news this morning importing their wellfare that they have forthwith, laying aside all their busines, dispatched this expresse to let you know that they have private advertisement that the expendor hath charged payment of £2400 to one Mr Bendish which they much wonder at in regard there is £3452.12.00 besides charges by bills already received and now to bee paid, and, by their letter of advice of the 18th of this instant, they did advertise you how the cash stood here, and they are very well satisfied that there is money enough in the Country for dispatch of their affaires and they have byn this 6 weekes in expectation to have an account of the cash in the Country and for above a fortnight called upon Mr Tench to certify them thereof but can gett none and doe consider that this vast some of money indeavoured to bee drawne from them are not with any respect to the Companie service but their great prejudice. Mr John Crane, some other Adventurer, havinge paid their conveyance in the Country besides vast somes from here, and the Companie are resolved to paie noe further moneyes untill, by the accounts out of the Country, they may bee ascertayned of the state of the cash there, and doe hope that this advertisement touching the £2400 is but a mistake and that the expendor would have more care of his credit and theirs then so hastily draw so great a charge from them, and therefore the Companie desire you that as soone as this comes to your handes, you would forthwith repayre to the expendor and in the name of the Companie signifie to him that hee charge noe more bills upon the Companie, nor expecte payment from the Companie untill by a clear account from him and his subexpendor it may appeare that there wants money for the service, and then hee will not so readily charge money as they shall cheerfully bee ready to paie the same. There is other busines of the Companie to bee imparted unto you but the hast of this dispatch prevents it and takinge leave I remayne

Your assured friend and humble servant Robert Henley

- 27/10/51 1 Mr Gorges, Mr William Weston, Mr Caryll, Mr Bradley, Mr Herring, Mr Alleyn, Mr St John, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Page, Mr Thurloe, Mr Willian Crane, Mr Alex Jones, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Browne, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr North, Mr Adams
- 27/10/51 2 **[Page 123]** Mr Thurloe, beinge lately come out of the Great Levell of the Fennes, did make report to the Companie of severall miscarriages had happened in their affayres and the severall abuses done by officers imployed in the workes, in perticular by Burton, Burrowes and Shelton and some others who had lett out works at excessive rates and paid the takers not above 1/2 so much, and the division dreynes lett out at 14 pence and were undertaken at £08.10.12, and Burrowes had all the brookes in Ramsey lett to him at 16d a rod and they came but to 9d or 10d, and as to the mananging of Bedford River, it was agreed by all that it could not be worth above 3s 10d a rod. Mr Burton presently lett it out at £4 a rod.
- Remedy thought on at present was to stop their sallaryes but upon inquiry they found they had received their sallaryes before hand
- 27/10/51 3 Upon result of all this report, it was conceived (besides what will bee due for purchase of landes) that £17195 would complete the workes now in hande as well on the north and south side of Bedford River
- 27/10/51 4 Upon hearinge the said report, the Companie did retorne thanks to Mr Thurloe for his great paynes and care hee hath taken of their affayres
- 27/10/51 4 Memorand. That Mr Hawkins bee imployed in the oversight of the severall brookes between Bedford River and Neane and they will consider of a fitt sallary for his paynes
- 27/10/51 5 Ordered that Colonell Walton bee desired to give the Companie a meetinge tomorrow by three a clocke in the afternoon and my Lord St John is also desired to meete the Companie to treat about stopping up the dams at Crowland in regard it is a busines of great concernment to the whole levell.
- 27/10/51 6 Memorand: Mr Browne the Companie sollitor is desired to attend the Lords and other Comissioners to desire them from the Companie to meete in the Temple Hall by two a clocke in the afternoon on Wednesdaie next according to their last order of adjournement in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament.
- 28/10/51 1 Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Herring, Mr Trafford, Mr Crane, Mr Thurloe, Colonell Jones, Mr Badley, Mr Henley, Mr Carill
- 28/10/51 2 A letter from Mr Hamond 26th October instant beinge read over by the Companie, it is ordered that a letter bee written and sent to him as followeth viz -

I am commanded by the Companie to lett you know that they did yesternight receive an account from Mr Thurloe of the state of their affayres which gave them great cause to thank him for his care and you, and Mr Walker for the like, and had so fayre a character of the dilligence and goode deportment of Mr Moore their surveyour that they desire to lett him know that the Companie will not bee unmyndfull of him upon any goode occasion to expresse their thanks, but they are not so much satisfied touchinge the cariage of some other of their officers, perticularly Mr Burton who by his clandestyne bargaines with his favorites, Rowland, Borrowes and Sherman hath so

much injured the Companie that notwithstandinge their service, the Companie hope to finde timely reliefe, but for **[Page 124]** the present, have resolved that noe contractes by him shall bee made good further than the stricte letter of their order whereby they doe not onely intend to take of your charge of back floores (the payment whereof they doe utterly disallow) but shall take all other lawfull advantages for their reliefe. They remayne also very much dissatisfied touching Mr Palmer who hath certified (as they are enformed) the good carriage of the under overseers to the expeditor as an inducement to procure their salary, and yet certified afterwards that they had fayled in their duty, not that the Companie doe hereby intend to approve any payment to the under overseers upon his certificate (for they desire you forthwith to acquaint Mr Tench that neyther in this perticular nor in any other, hee gives any allowance upon account but according to the stricte orders of the Companie) and to lett Mr Palmer bee sensible of his miscarriage in this as in some other of the Companie afayres. The Companie did understand by Mr Thurloe that all the overseers were discharged and that they had noe officers upon charge in the works but the expeditor, the chiefe overseer, the surveyor, the undersurveyour, the clarke comptroller and two clarkes of materialls, besides Kelsey and Johnston which they very well approve, and have ratified the discharge by their order. And as for Kendall, who is to have oversight of the Crowlande banke, and Mr Turner upon some other parte, and some others whome they have in their thoughts for other places, they shall, as soone as conveniently may bee settled the same, and have already resolved that Hawkins should have the oversight of the brookes and bankes between Bedford River and Neane, to give timely notice to the chief officer in case of danger, and the Companie will consider of a fitt salary for his employment and have ordered that from the 20th October instante cominge away, the Companie bee not charged with **[Page 125]** any other salaryes without their spetiall order touching the bills of exchange of which they desired you to give present notice to all concerned herein and to lett them know that any payments made contrary to what they have hereby signified are not to bee allowed, so is their positive order. The Companie sent downe both shirts and other thinges for the Scots to Cambridge with a letter to Mr Crane of Cambridge and one enclosed to you, which hee hath certified the Companie that hee hath received and sent your letter away which they desire to have account of. They have ordered that the 40 and 30 foote dreyne called Vermuydens dreyne bee presently perfected and not to bee delayed at all in expectation of laying tonnells and suffered to run and are not yet satisfied of the necessity and conveniency of the intended dreynes, one from the first lott in Somersham by Westwater and under Vermuydens Eau, and the other from Wardike Loade to Ramsey Mere under the same Eau. And have it under debate touching the highwaye from Whittlesey to Upwood and March and from Somersham to Chatris, and therefore desire a stop of this till their further order. Touching the busines of the bills of exchange they can give no other order untill they have the state of the accounts, for as farre as they can yett perceive by what they have received from Mr Thurloe and comparinge the disbursments with their moneys by them retorned, there must bee a considerable sum in the Country and no necessity to draw such vast sums from them. The Company are this day to speake to Colonell Walton about the busines of Crowland which next to the busines of money is of high concernement to the Companie, and as soone as anything is done about it you shall have notice. In the meantyme they desire your most careful eye to that busines at present to prevent imminent danger by the wet season and so **[Page 125]** bring a scandall upon the workes in generall. They desire also that you would have a vigilant eye upon the tonnells in the north bancke of Bedford River that they may bee certainly stopped before any flood or damage thereby come, the Companie, apprehendinge much danger to all the levell thereby which is already adjudged dreyned. They desire you to call upon Kelsey to send up presently a list of all the names of the Scottish Prisoners at the works as well sicke as others and to notify whether any be dead or run awaie, and how many, and once

every month without fayle to doe the like that the Companie may give account thereof to the Councill of State accordinge to theire order. They sent letters to Yorke to Mr Walker by the Satterday post and doe expect to have many more of the Scotts sodainly in the level and desire you to finde some fitt person amongst the Scotch prisoners fitt for a messenger to be employed upon the Companie affayes as well here in London as to and from the Fennes. Before the messenger came awaie the Companie tooke into consideration the dam over Neane, a little above Ramsey Mere, and thinke fitt you forbear makinge that dam so long this winter till you see the experience of runninge the 30 and 30 foote dreyne, this beinge all I have at present in charge and I rest.

Your humble servant Robert Henley

28/10/51 3 The Companie, takinge into consideration the great necessity of makinge up the dams at Crowland and not having had as yet any treaty with Colonell Walton about the same, it is ordered that a letter bee forthwith written and sent unto him in the name of the Companie as followeth viz -

Yesterday and not before, the Companie tooke into consideration your certificate upon the Lord Comissioners order touching the navigation at Crowland (being the first opportunity of a full Companie) are very desirous to have wayted on you this daie to have given you satisfaction in some thinges mentioned in your certificate which they presume would have byn prevalent to induce you to believe contrary to what hath byn informed by the adverse partie, for they doe apprehend in some cleerness that no part of the River of Welland ever ran from Crowland to Guyhurne, or if it did, the old Southea was grownd up long before the late Earl of Bedford's undertakings, and all the navigation of late was only such as was over the whole fen when it was drowned and in drie somers none at all. And with all that, if any part of the Welland ran that way, then the Acte of Parliament did appoint that it was to run to Spalding and so the the sea to performe the outfall. But Sir, seeing the Companie finde it your sense to have two navigable sluces, one at Crowland and the other at Guyhurne and that you propounde it as a thinge of little charge to the Companie and no danger to the workes, they have therefore resolved that if you shall bee pleased to certifie the Lordes that the dams may bee stopt, they will in the springe, as soon as they can make a bottome, lay a navigable sluice at Crowland for the passage of a boate of two loade **[Page 126]** weight or thereabouts and a like at Guyhurne, so as they may not bee opened in tyme of a flood nor in the night. If you shall approve hereof, bee pleased to certifie your opinion to the Lords Comissioners by being present at their meeting tomorrow or else under your hand or to signifie to us what else you told fitt to bee done, for the Companie hath so great a confidence in your integrity and well wishes to the workes that they are desirous in all things to serve you amongst whome I shall expresse my self

Sir - your humble servant Robert Henley

28/10/51 4 Memorand that Hugh Farnham bee continued messenger with the Companie untill further order made therein.

29/10/51 1 After the rising of the Comissioners in Middle Temple Hall

Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne, Mr William Weston, Mr Latch

29/10/51 2 The Companie received an answer this daie from Colonell Walton to their letter sent unto him yesterday touchinge the makinge up of the dams at Crowland as followeth

Upon consideration of your letter, I apprehend that if there bee a navigable sluice at Crowland of twelve foote wide and the like at Guyhurne, and layd before the first of June at furthest, and that it may so bee ordered by the Lords Comissioners, and that £100 may bee deposited at present in the handes of Richard Kendall of Crowland to provide materials and make the same readie in winter that the dams in Crowland bee made up, and I conceive it reasonable that there may bee care taken that there may bee noe passage through those sluices in tymes of floodes nor in the night for the inhabitants of Crowland and the parts adjacent have given me assurance, and are readie to engage that they will take care to preserve the said sluices from damage and make satisfaction for any damage that shall arise by them, which I hold fitt they should performe, and if cannot wayte upon the Lords at their sittinge you may acquainte the Lordships herewith

I am

Gent your humble servant Valentine Walton

Ordered that the dams at Crowland bee forthwith made up accordinge to the Lords Comissioners order this daie made, and that a hundred poundes bee forthwith deposited in the handes of Richard Kendall of Crowland accordinge to their Lordships order to provide materials and for the makinge two navigable sluices of 12 foote wide. And the Companie will give further order very sodainly who shall take care for providinge the materials and make the said sluices. And this order shall be a warrant to the committee of the treasury, the receivor and expendor or any of them to paie the said £100 accordingly

[Page 127] This order to be sent presently to Mr Hamond and to desire him to see the dams bee made up accordingly without delay and to appoint Richard Kendall or some other fitt person to doe the same

31/10/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carrill, Mr Herring
31/10/51	2	Ordered that any stranger who should come in to purchase defaulters lands shall, upon perfectinge his contracte, lay downe with the receivor 6d in the pound for his purchase moneye agreed upon, which is to bee forfeited to the Companie in case the bargain doth not proceed through his neglecte. And every Adventurer that shall purchase defaulters landes and not paie in his purchase money accordinge to the contracte, shall forfeite such a proportionable part of his owne Adventurers landes as shall bee agreed upon between him and the Companie at the tyme of makinge the said contracte. And the clarke upon every sale is to put the Companie in mynde that there may bee proportion agreed on upon every contracte by an Adventurer, and the six pence in the pound paid down by every stranger upon perfectinge his contracte.
03/11/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bradley, Mr Alex Jones, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr Alleyn, Mr Page, Mr North, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr Carill, Mr B Arthur, Mr Robert Hampson, Mr Browne
03/11/51	2	Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond of 30th October last, it is ordered that an answer bee sent by the messenger unto him as followeth on the behalfe of the Companie - The Companie have taken your letter into consideration and, first, for the business of the backe floore, the Companie doe understand that they are not obliged by any contracte with Mr Burton but that which is in writinge accordinge to their orders, and are informed that, by the contracte in writinge, the river was to bee made 111 foote wide, of that 75 foote to bee 6 foote deep, the residue too foote deepe and

the banckes to bee 60 foote in the seate and 12 foot high and twelve foote in the top and this at 4d the rod some, and other at higher rates, and this bargain in writinge is that only the Companie are obliged to. If Mr Burton hath made any other verball contracte, it is fit hee makes it good, and if the men they call takers have agreed with under workemen to make floores at any rates, it is very fitt those takers make first good their agreement with those under workemen with whome the Companie have nothinge to doe, and it would bee very unreasonable that the takers in former bargaines, where contractes have byn made at one rate and they put it out at ½ and some tymes at too thirds of the price and the Companie make good the first contracte with the takers, that now, in this case, the takers should put us to paie the under workemen and they put out money in their purses. Therefore the Companie doe desire that you onely treat with the takers according to the contracte in writinge pursuinge [Page 128] the Companie orders and yet give the under workemen the best assistance you can against the takers, letting the workmen know that the takers are the men who abuse them and make the Companie paie excesssive rates which those takers put in their purses, and in case of clamours or mutinye or feare of it the Companie desires you to gett assistance by some soldyers from Lyn, and if neede bee the Companie will procure some orders from here to quiet all their mutinies. Nevertheles the Companie is not so resolute in this point of back floores but that, if hereafter it shall appeare to them that the Companie have byn fayrely dealt with by the takers and Mr Burton, and that they finde that there is equity upon circumstances against the Companie, they will be ready to take the same into consideration and appoint some-one purposely to treat with the takers thereabouts, for the Companie have nothing to doe with the workmen in it, onely desire you to take care, as farre as you can in way of friendly assistance, that such money, as is paid by the Companie accordinge to the written contracte, may bee distributed among the under workemen who did the worke, and the Companie doe, believing if it were materiall that if it bee cast up what the banke comes to at two shillings the floore (and much worke was done at lesse), it will appeare that the money payable by the written contracte will be sufficient to paie for the bancke at the dimensions agreed upon and if there bee five foote abated in the seate of the bancke from the written contracte, then must the Companie have an abatement for the proportion from the price of the written contracte pro rata from the takers, but in no sort to have any thing to doe now with the workemen. For overseers, though the Companie bee informed that there were but 3 overseers for all Bedford River in the late Earle of Bedfords tyme and they were in hope that Mr Moore and his man and Mr Palmer would have byn sufficient, yet in regard you mention the finishinge the bancke and bottome of the new river within a month and the attendance at Vermuydens Eau and the dam at Salters Lode, the Companie doe give liberty to you to name overseers for a month not exceedinge five to continue for a month but not to put in any which the Companie have formerly disallowed, and they desire you would use your best husbandrie for the Companie in their sallaries and not give cause of exception to Kelsey who is a carpenter and an engineer and a diligent and ingenious man. For the materialls, the Companie understands there are two overseers of them already and they expecte they should looke after the imbezilling of them. The Companie are very sorry for the departure of the Scotts and might against their wills bee forced to extraordinary severity towards them. For the present, they desire you strictly to examyn Johnston the Provost Marshall and if you finde hee gave not present notice of their departure or hath byn negligent in pursuite and apprehension of them, wee shall proceede against him and you may lett the rest know that there is a stricte law persuinge their fellows, even death without mercy, to all that absent themselves without leave. For the busines of Lincolnshire, the Companie will take the same into their consideration. So not having else at present doe rest.

Your humble servant Robert Henley

03/11/51	2	<p>Upon readinge a letter from Mr Walker, dated at Yorke last October 1651, it is thought fitt that the clarke should write unto him as followeth</p> <p>Sir - In regards your letter came but last night and the Companie of Adventurers not meetinge till tomorrow, I could not procure an answer accordinge to your expectation, the post beinge this day also to go out of towne, I was loathe to decline this opportunitye but to lett you know I have received your letter and shall tomorrow communicate the same to the Companie whereupon I shall expecte their comand and to retorne answer accordingly. In the meantyme subscribe</p> <p>Your humble servant JH</p>
03/11/51	3	[Page 129] The Companie beinge informed that Mr Geoge Smith their clarke is lately dead, it is though fitt and ordered that at Wednesday next at 2 of the clocke in the afternoone they doe intend to make choice of another clarke in his stead
05/11/51	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Gorges, Mr Isaac Jones, Colonell Jones, Mr Oxenbridge, Mr Robert Hampson, Mr R overt Henley jn, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carrill, Mr North, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Page, Mr Bradley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Hering
05/11/51	2	The Companie present, taking into their consideration the nomination and election of a clarke in pursuance of the order of Monday last in regard Mr George Smith is lately dead, it is therefore hereby ordered (<i>nullo contradicente</i>) that John Hopkinson shall bee clarke to the Companie in his stead, and for the present hee shall hath his former sallary of twenty shillinges a weeke contynued and paid unto him, together with the profitts whatsoever to the place belonginge. And for the future the Companie will consider of enlarginge his sallary.
05/11/51	3	Mr Trenchard, Mr Andrew Henley and Mr Carill bee desired to goe to Sir Myles Sandys chamber and the clarke is to attend him, and Mr Trenchard to seale up the said trunke on the behalfe of the Earle of Bedford and Mr Carill, and Mr Andrew Henley to doe the like on the behalfe of the Companie and to have the same brought forthwith to Mr Henleys howse to bee delivered to the clarke of the Companie and there to remayne and not bee opened but in the presence of the said Earle, or such as hee shall appointe, and John Thurloe, John Fountayne and John Carill or any two of them on the behalfe of the Companie
05/11/51	4	Ordered that Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe and Mr Andrew Henley are hereby desired for the future to take into their consideration the preservation of all deedes, evidences, writinges, mappes and other thinges belonginge to the Companie that they may bee safely kept in a presse to bee forthwith made for that purpose in pursuance of a former order of the Companie made the nyneteenth
05/11/51	5	A question being put whether or not the Company will have any more Scotch workmen imployed on the workes. It was resolved in the affirmative
05/11/51	6	Another question beinge also put how many more shall bee imployed. It was resolved there should bee as many more imployed (as will make up those now imployed), a thousand Scotch workmen

05/11/51	67	<p>Ordered that the Clarke write a letter to Mr Hamond to this effect - The Company, not having time on Monday night to go through all parts of your letter, did this day [Page 130] take into their consideration the last part of thereof which mentioned the payment of money differing much from your former letter, but you mention in your last the payment of more money than in your former but upon computation of the sums, the payments in your former is more than in your latter and the Company desire to have some explanation and they remaine unsatisfied with £32.10 mentioned for additional allowance, and desire you would not give allowance of more than the contracts made in pursuance in the Company orders, and doe not thinke fitt to give any allowance of what was done by Sir Cornelius Vermuydens order for the new taking up of the workes for they apprehend that Sir Cornelius hath the power of director in such sort as by his articles but hath not, nor was ever intended to have, any power of intermedlinge in the puttinge out or directing the Company payments or imploying any offices in reference to the overseeing or paying of any workes. And the Company notified you to desire Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to forbear anything further than in his part of direction of workes and information of the Company whether the workes been made according to direction for so is the Companies order. The Company have cause to feare that Mr Glossonne and Christian may gett too much money into their handes before there workes bee done, and it is noe small prejudice to the Company that the takers of workes gett still before hand then the Company, and, if the workes bee insufficient, the Company are forced to an after game which they rather not mention at this tyme upon feares least the dam at Salters Lode should prove insufficient upon the experiment thereof this winter.</p>
05/11/51	8	<p>Ordered that the Company doe attend their meetings on the usual days of meetings - viz - Mondayes, Wednesdayes and Fridayes at two of the clocke in the afternoone</p>
07/11/51	1	<p>Mr Fountayne, Mr Trafford, Mr Wakefield, Mr Browne, Mr Patherich, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Gorges, Mr Herring, Mr Alleyn, Mr John Russell, Mr William Crane, Mr Henley Snr, Sir G Gerard</p>
07/11/51	2	<p>Whereas since the last orders of sale made on the 22nd October last, the Lady Hamond and others have paid in their arrears to the receiver of the Company, it is thought fitt therefore and agreed that all such orders of sale of the landes as such person or persons as have since that tyme paid in their arrears are hereby vacated and made void.</p>
08/11/51	1	<p>[Page 131] Earle of Bedford, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Trafford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Bales, Mr Trenchard, Mr John Russell, Mr Bardley, Mr Browne, Mr Allyen, Mr Bridges, Mr North, Mr William Weston</p>
08/11/51	2	<p>Whereas Mr Bales and company have made default in payinge in the last too taxes for 2000 acres, part of 2700 acres of their Adventurers lande in the 2nd lott, amounting to the sum of £250, now forasmuch as the said 2000 acres were this day exposed to sale and John Fountayne Esqr, beinge present, offered £250 for the purchase thereof, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Company, by virtue of and accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 2000 acres unto the said John Fountayne and his heires to have and to hold the said 2000 acres unto him the said John Fountayne and his heires and assigned, provided that the said sum of £260 and every part thereof bee paid to the receiver of the Company on Tuesday next, and in case the said £260 shall not bee paid by Tuesday night next the said John Fountayne doth agree eyther to forfeite 50 acres of his owne Adventure landes to the</p>

use of the Companie and to be disposed by them, or paie unto the receivour to the use of the Companie six pence for every acre of the said 2000 acres which hee hath bought as aforesaid. And it is further ordered that upon payment of the said some of two hundred and sixtie poundes, in manner, as aforesaid, hee, the said John Fountayne shall have an assurance of the said 2000 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate, and his and their heires. And the receivour is to restore the some of £10 surplusage over and above the taxes accordinge to the Acte of Parliament unto the said Thomas Bales and companie, their executors and administrators.

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| 08/11/51 | 3 | Whereas Mr Charles Harbord and John Bridgeman have made default in payinge in the last too 15d taxes, one due the 15 th August, another the first of September last past for 1850 acres of their Adventurers lande in the 7th lott, amounting to the sum of £231.05.00, now forasmuch as the said 1850 acres were this daie exposed to sale and John Latch Esqr, beinge present, offered £236.05.00 for the purchase thereof, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, by virtue of and accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 1850 acres unto the said John Latch and his heires to have and to hold the said 1850 acres, unto him the said John Latch and his heires and assigned upon the same conditions as in the first order is mentioned and expressed, the surplusage beinge £5 to bee restored accordinge to the Acte. |
| 08/11/51 | 4 | Whereas Mr Edward Smith and John Miller have made default in payinge in the last too 15d taxes, one due the 15 th August, another the first of September last past for 1850 acres of their Adventurers lande in the 7th lott, amounting to the sum of £231.05.00, now forasmuch as the said 1850 acres were this daie exposed to sale and John Latch Esqr beinge present offered £242.05.00 for the purchase thereof, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie by virtue of and accordinge to the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said 1850 acres unto the said John Latch and his heires to have and to hold the said 1850 acres unto him the said John Latch and his heires and assigned upon the same conditions as in the first order is mentioned and expressed. The surplusage beinge [Page 132] eleaven poundes, over and above the taxes due, is by the receivor to bee restored, accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, unto the said Mr Edward Smith and John Miller their executors and administrator. |
| 08/11/51 | 5 | Whereas Mr John Watts made default in payinge in the two last 15d taxes due the 15th August, another the first of this instant September last past for his 1095 acres of his Adventurers landes viz - 574 acres in the 10th lott and 521 acres in the 13th lott, amounting to the sum of £136.17.06, now for as much as the said 1095 were this daie exposed to sale and John Latch, beinge present, offered £13.17.06 for the purchase thereof, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 1095 acres unto the said John Latch and his heires to have and to hold the said 1095 acres unto him the said Mr Latch, his heirs and assigned upon the same terms and conditions as in the first order is lymitted and expressed. |
| 08/11/51 | 6 | Whereas 200 acres of John Latch Esquire in the 19th lott were this daie exposed to sale for non payment of the sum of £25, now in arrere of taxes, and whereas Mr Latch for excuse alledged that the Companie did owe unto him farr greater sums viz - the sum of £100 which hee hath paid unto Mr Barance Westerdiike a Dutchman (who by letter written to the Earl of Norwich was invited out of the Low Countries to deliver his opinion touching the design of dreyning the Great Levell and having delivered his opinion therein was ordered by the Companie to meet them at Peterburgh, where |

hee should receive a reward from them), and therefore the said Mr Latch did desire that his sum of £25 arrere upon his land might bee allowed him in his taxes. The Companie takinge the same into consideration, did not thinke it reasonable to allow thereof, and the Companie declared that they could not make any order to that purpose but that any man must paie his taxes according as the same were due and hee ought not to delay the payment thereof upon any pretence of money due to him from the Companie which they were allways ready to consider as a distinct question of itselpe, and therefore ordered that Mr Latch should this afternoone pay in the said £25 which hee hath agreed to doe. And as for his demandes, it is further ordered that Mr Trafford, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr William Weston or any two of them bee desired to consider thereof and make report to the Companie

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| 08/11/51 | 7 | Whereas Mr John Miller and Mr Arthur Samuelle have made default in payinge in the two last 15d taxes due the 15th August, another the first of this instant September last past for 1500 acres of their proportion of 2000 acres of Adventurers landes in the 4th lott, amounting to the sum of £187.10.00, now forasmuch as the said 1500 acres were this daie exposed to sale and John Latch, beinge present, offered £192.10.00 for the purchase thereof, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offering more for the same, the Companie, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliamanent, doe hereby sell the said 1500 acres unto the said John Latch and his heires to have and to hold the said 1500 acres unto him, the said Mr Latch, his heirs and assigned, upon the same terms and conditions as in the first order is lymitted and referenced. And the sum of five poundes over and above the taxes due is by the receivor restored unto the said Mr John Miller and Mr Arthur Samuelle their executor and administrator, according to the intent and meaning of the said Acte of Parliament. |
| 08/11/51 | 8 | [Page 133] Whereas in regard 800 acres of late Sir Charles Harboard in the 16th lott and 200 acres late William Stephens Esquire in the same lott (lately contracted by Walter St John Esqr) cannot bee sold for payment of the present taxes and old arreres, therefore the Companie doe vacate an order in refference to this 1000 acres, and that the same 1000 acres are now to bee sold for the taxes and what more will bee given for the same, but Mr Henley is to have an offer of this land for £1800 which is £200 lesse than Mr Walter St John was to give for the purchase thereof. |
| 08/11/51 | 9 | Memorand. Mr Henley is desired to show cause to the Companie why hee hath not paid in the sum of £898 resting in the foote of his account |
| 08/11/51p.m | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Colonell William Underwood, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Bradley |
| 08/11/51p.m | 2 | Ordered that the clarke write a letter to Colonell Francis Underwood as followeth

The Companie are advertised this daie by a letter to Mr Jessop from Mr Westhorpe, your agent, that hee hath drawne up £2400 upon him to bee paid by exchange after 3 days sight to Sir John Wollaston, wherein hee mentions that there would be great deale of money necessary against the next paie day whereas it appears by an account sent up to the Companie under the hand of Richard Clamp your agent, that you have received since the 23rd January 1650 the sum of £66881.17.06 and all the moneys issued upon the workes which the Companie can any way take notice of by the officers or comptroll booke to the 16th October 1651, amount but to £1958 so as all the payment to and at the last paie day amounte to but £53930.06.03 (in case they were to bee all allowed as well as issued) which comes short of the receipt. And therefore the Companie apprehend there should be a considerable sum of money |

eyther in your hands or in the handes of your sub-expenditor intrusted by you. And as to the bill itself, the Companie would desire you to informe yourself how it came to bee charged, for the bill is mentioned to beare the date 14th October under Richard Clamps hand and by his letter of the 13th October, the day before Richard Clamp advertised Mr Jessop that hee had appointed Mr Westhorpe to charge about £1000, but did (as it seems) give a blancke bill to Mr Westhorpe for the bill in Mr Westhorpes writinge and hee exceeded £1400 in the sum, and in regard the bill is come but this day and dated at Cambridge, the Companie feare that Mr Westhorpe have not dealt well with them, nor Mr Clamp used that care which befitted him to trust any one with blancke bills if exchange which might have ruined the Companie in their credit by fillinge up a blanke with more money than the Companie were in a condition to pay or usefull for the workes. But however the Companie have accepted the bill and have provided for payment thereof and desire that when there shall bee further occasions for money you would take care not to trust anyone with blank bills and for the present that your accounts may bee perfected and sent up that the Companie may know the true state of their cash in the Country. There is another thinge which I have charge to impart to you wherein the Companie and yourselfe are great sufferers and both without cause, and that is by clamour by filling the Country with clipt and light money paid to the workemen. The Companie comanded mee to assure you that they paie all good money here and they are confident that you doe the like [Page 134] in the Country for your part. And therefore they doe earnestly desire you to examyne and finde by what means that chipt and base money is paid to the workemen and to use some meanes for the repayringe both them and yourself therein and doinge right to those who hath byn injured thereby.

08/11/51p.m 3 Memorand. Mr Henley does give consent that Colonell Underwood, now present, may (if hee thinks fitt) contracte to the Companie for the 1000 acres of Sir Charles Harboard and Mr Stephens in the 16th lott.

08/11/51p.m 4 The Companie have this daie sold unto Colonell Underwood Alderman of London 1000 acres in the 16th lott viz

Waterbeach 250 acres

Warboys 500 acres

Remaynder of Holme Fen for the Earle of Portland 49 acres

Out of 425 acres in Stony Fen severall 201 acres

Total 1000 acres

for which hee is to pay £1700 within a weeke and is to bee allowed as parcell of that sum, £578, due to him by bill of exchange from the receivor of the Companie and for which hee is to give a receipt to the Companies receivor. And the residue of the £1700, beinge £1121, hee is to paie in the money within the tyme aforesaid. And hee is to hold the said land free of all taxes and arrere of taxes to this day. And the clarke is to draw a conveyance presently of the said 1000 acres to the said Colonell Underwood and his heires, or to such other person or persons, and to his and their heires and in such manner as hee shall directe.

08/11/51p.m 5 Ordered that the clarke write a letter to Mr Tench clarke comptroller to hasten up the accounts as followeth

I am comanded by the Companie to lett you know that they have long expected a state of their accounts, the not perfectinge thereof hitherto hath byn a great prejudice to them, and therefore to require you that you hasten them with all possible speede and send up what vouchers are produced to make good every

payment that so the Companie may be better able to judge what payments are made according to the orders of the Companie and to bee allowed and what not. This beinge all at present in charge I rest

Your very loving friend - W Hopkinson

10/11/51 1 Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Thurloe, Mr B Athur, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Robert Hampson, Mr John Athur, Mr Alderman Titchborne, Mr Culpeper

10/11/51 2 Whereas the Companie now present, takinge into their consideration the many workes that were directed to bee done last yeare by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and lett out without notice or approbation of the Companie or the comptroll, which hath put the Companie to many great inconveniences, and fearinge the like prejudice in the future, the Companie therefore desire those members of the Companie who by the Articles have the comptroll of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, **[Page 135]** if in their judgement they shall so thinke fitt to give order to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, accordinge to the power given them, not to directe any worke without their notice and approbation, and that hee doe a certaine daie by them to bee present or signifie to them in writing the perticular works by him designed for the next yeare with the estimate of the charge that so the Companie, beinge informed from them thereof, may tymely apply themselves for the undertaking and perfecting the said.

10/11/51 3 A question being put whether or noe the Companie will att this tyme lay or impose a tax of 15d an acre. It was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereas the Companie present, findinge a very great necessity of raising a considerable sum of money for the goinge on and perfecting of the workes in the Great Levell of the Fennes, have though fitt and agreed and doe hereby order that a tax of fifteen pence an acre bee sett and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres, as well upon the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres mentioned in the Acte of Parliament and lately assigned by the Companie to Benjamyn Weston Esquire, his heires and assigned, and the said taxes sett and imposed accordingly, and is thereby ordered to be paid in to the officers of the treasury unto the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge at Mr Henleyes howse without Temple Barr in the parish of Clements in the County of Middlesex in manner followinge viz - 15d every acre thereof respectively on or before the first day of December next ensuinge untill the said tax and every part thereof bee fully satisfyed and paid, and in default of payment the said tax, or any part thereof, payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold at or upon the 8th day of December next ensuinge, the date hereof or at any other meeting of 5 or more of the Adventurers and Participants at the place aforesaid.

10/11/51 4 Upon readinge of a letter diverted to the Companie from Colonell Henry Marten and Thomas Chaloner Esquire, it is ordered that James Cuthbert a Scotch prisoner be received and sent downe upon the workes, and the said letter is to be safely kept by the clarke.

10/11/51 5 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond of the 7th November instant, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth viz -

The Companie this night received your letter of the 7th instant by the messenger, and the same beinge read over, they comanded mee to retorne an answer, and first touchinge the layinge of tonnells, the Companie apprehend they ought to have byn

laid before this tyme, and they doe agree to have them layed so as all possible expedition bee used therein, and as soone as the tonnells are layed, the dams on the 30 and 40 foote dreyne are forthwith to be taken away and for the present that the dam over Neane may bee suspended untill an experiment bee tryed this winter of the water runninge both wayes, and if you finde any difficulty or obstacle that may arise, they desire you to signifie the same to the Companie. The members of comptroll here are of the same opinion.

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| 10/11/51 | 6 | As touching turffe cutt (since the adjudication) in the Adventurers landes, the Company directe that a seizure bee made thereof in the name of the Earle of Bedford and the 3 Trustees and sell it in their names to any that will buy it, and the Companie will make good the sale, and they desire you to take care to prohibite and interrupt any person or persons that shall attempt to carry it away without your leave or permission. And if in case you finde any opposition of force made against you, speedily to make application to Justice Phesant of Ramsey or some other next justice of peace to require assistance and preservation of the peace. If any bee carried away without your privy, name the persons and send force to them to demand it in the name of the Earl of Bedford and the 3 trustees, and in case they doe not accordingly deliver it but doe refuse then the [Page 136] Companie desire to send up to them the names of such as doe refuse to the intent the Companie proceed to a tryall at law which they intend with all expedition at one of the barres att Westminster |
| 10/11/51 | 7 | As touching a Commission of sewers the Companie doe intend, as soone as may bee, to procure one, and they have in their thoughts the makinge Mr Hawkins clarke to the court, if you upon discourse with him shall finde it an acceptable imployment and that hee will undertake the busines |
| 10/11/51 | 8 | The Companie hope you have so taken care and prevailed in your contracts with Christiane and Baldebyn that the default of eyther of them may not tend to the prejudice of the Companie, about eyther finishinge the sasses or dam over the Owse. |
| 10/11/51 | 9 | The bearer James Cuthbert is a Scotch prisoner and is received at the request of Thomas Challoner Esquire and Colonell Henry Marten. He beinge sicke when the other went downe the Companie doe desire you to put him under the charge of Kelsey and Johnston with the rest. |
| 10/11/51 | 10 | I am also to acquaint you that the Companie wonder they heare nothing from you about makinge up the dams att Crowland. The messenger was sent last Thursday sennight and no newes was as yet from him. And they have no account from Kelsey of a list of the Scotch prisoners and which is likely to bee prejudiciall unto them in regards they are required once a month to give account of them to the Councell. |
| 10/11/51 | 11 | The Companie desire you would truly informe yourself whether Sir Cornelius Vermuyden did give any direction about the planks at the new well in Somersham Heath, if you finde hee did not then the Companie doe order to bring an action and bavin in the name of the Earl of Bedford and 3 trustees |
| 10/11/51 | 12 | The Company doe thinke it exceeding long untill they have their accounts sent up and doe desire you to signifie so much to Mr Tench and those it doth concerne |
| 10/11/51 | 13 | And whereas they have lately been informed that some of the Scotts are much discomforted at the clothe was sent downe, excepting much against the colour, they desire you to signify unto them that one George Hume by name and diverse others at the church nere Tothill fields were then extremely pleased at a white colour, and it was their owne desire, and with all they desire you to lett them know they are sent |

to bee their owne markers and therefore without any more to bee said in it the Companie doe desire you forthwith to send up the names of all such as finde fault, that they may speedily send them away beyond sea rightly apprehending that such are not fitt servants to bee employed in their works

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| 10/11/51 | 14 | If you finde a fitt person amongst the Scotts that may bee employed as a messenger to and fro with letters they desire you to send him up |
| 12/11/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gale, Mr Page, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Henley, Mr North, Mr Carill, Mr Gorges, Colonell Castell, Mr B. Arthur, Mr Trafford, Mr Thurloe |
| 12/11/51 | 2 | Whereas Mr Fountayne on Satterday last did purchase 2000 acres of Mr Bales and Companie in the 2 nd lott but noe conveyance is yet passed from the Companie, and whereas the said Mr Bales and Companie have since agreed with the said [Page 137] Mr Fountayne and hath paid in the money due for the taxes, and the said Mr Fountayne is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contract with the Companie for the said 2000 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Mr Fountayne, now present, testified by settinge his name hereunto, that hee is to take noe benefitt by his aforesaid contracte but that the said Mr Bales and Companie and their assigned are to enjoy the aforesaid 2000 acres as in there former right, the aforesaid contracte notwithstanding, subject nevertheless to the payment of all future taxes and the former order made on Satterday last touching his sale of the said 2000 acres is hereby vacated. |
| 12/11/51 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Gorges, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Henley or any two of them on the behalfe of the Companie are desired to meete on Satterdaie next at too a clocke in the afternoone to see the trunke of writings, lately brought from Sir Miles Sandys chamber, opened, and the Earl of Bedford hath agreed then to meete or else to desire Mr Trenchard on his Lordshippes behalfe to see the said trunke opened. |
| 14/11/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr North, Colonell Castell, Mr Page, Mr Gale, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carill, Mr Alleyn, Mr Forster, Mr Browne |
| 14/11/51 | 2 | The members of comptroll in pursuance of an order of the Companie made on Monday last have agreed upon an order of comptroll which beinge this day read over to the Companie, it is ordered that the same bee forthwith sent downe to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden by an expresse who is to goe down into the Great Levell of the Fennes or into Derbysheire or elsewhere untill hee hath found out Sir Cornelius and delivered the said order unto him which order followeth in these words viz - |

Accordinge to severall orders of the Companie and in pursuance of the articles between them and yourselfe, wee have taken into consideration how the worke intended to bee done for the future may bee done with most advantage to the Companie and so managed hereafter that those many inconveniences and insufferable losses, which have fallen upon the Companie the tyme past may for the future bee prevented, as farre as it is lyes in our power to provide against them. In order whereunto wee hold it absolutely necessary and doe accordingly desire and hereby order that you send up unto us in writinge your perfecte designe for the further dreyninge the Great Levell conteyninge therein every perticuler workes intended by you to bee further done and that you send it up to unto us sometime betweene this and the 15th December next to the ende that wee may, before the season for workinge comes in, fully consider of your designe, and in case of any dissatisfaction, debate it with you and thereby come to certaine resolution in it, as

also that the Companie may tymely consider in what order to manage their workes for the future that they may not bee at the mercy both of their officers and workemen as they have heretofore byn and may also bee at a certainty in respect of their future expences and tymely, with most ease to themselves, provide accordingly, and so they may not bee forced, as they have byn this yeare, to lay new taxes for the finishing those workes which they already cost above £20000 more than was thought of in the Spring with [Page 138] which inconveniences, with many others, much tending to the prejudice of the Companie, wee had not byn brought unto if they had had an entyre view of the whole workes intended to bee done the last Sommer, as was required and yourselve, by the contracte bound to have done, they were undertaken. And they hope by what you have seene in the Country that you are very sensible hereof and will willingly afford your best assistance in what may give remedy herein for the future, whereunto nothinge is so conducing, in our opinion, as that you hasten unto us by the daie prefixed what is hence directed and untill your designe as aforesaid comes unto us and bee approved of, as the Companie will not thinke of raisinge of more moneyes for any such workes so wee conceive it best for their service, and doe accordingly order that noe workes whatsoever not yett begun, shall bee lett and undertaken in hand upon any pretence whatsoever.

William Bedford
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| 14/11/51 | 3 | <p>Ordered that a letter bee sent unto Mr Hamond as followeth together with the order of comptroll and an order to the expeditor as followes here inclosed</p> <p>The order, which is sent unto you by the committee of comptroll, the Companie desire you would take especiall care to have it with all possible speed sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the contents thereof as the Companie apprehend very much concernes their service. They conceive it best that this messenger that bringes it to you bee dispatched with it to him, who is directed to deliver it to his owne hands to the ende he may make affect of the delivery thereof.</p> |
| 14/11/51 | 4 | <p>The Companie were glad to heare by your last that the great worke upon new Bedford River was so neare finished and hope by your next to heare that river is wholly bottomed, and they desire you to enforme them particularly thereof and in what condition Christianne is with his great sasse and Glassome with his dam, and further enquire concerning that report that Christian should delay his owne worke on purpose to prejudice Glassomes. In the meantyme, the Companie have ordered that the expeditor keepe in his handes £500 of the money due upon Christiannes contracts until the Companie bee satisfied that hee hath really performed the same. The Companie have received a list from Kelsey of the Scotts and are greatly dissatisfied to finde therein that there are seaven run away and intreat you to speake to Kelsey and Johnston in it and to give them order that they send hue and cry after them that they may bee apprehended and punished according to law. The Companie very much longe to receive from Mr Tench the expeditor account which they have for long since desired him to take, they intreat you to send expressly to him for it, that wee may have an answer from him by the next. The messenger you intend to send up for the Companies service, they desire may bee sent up the next weeke.</p> |
| 14/11/51 | 5 | <p>The Companie intreate you to send this order enclosed to Lieutenant Colonell Underwood and to see the same put in execution as lyes in your power.</p> |

- 14/11/51 6 Whereas the Companie is enformed that there hath yet byn noe examination or prooffe how Christianne Derickson hath performed his severall contracts made for sasses, sluices, tonnills and yet that hee hath received most part of the money, it is hereby ordered that Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, the Companie expeditor, doe reteyne in his handes £500 due.
- 14/11/51 7 **[Page 139]** Upon the said contracts, in case there bee so much unfinished or otherwise so much as is yet behinde thereof, untill the Companie bee satisfied that the said Christianne hath really performed his said contracts and Mr Hamond is desired to appoint some able and honest workeman to emamyn the said to the ende the Companie may bee satisfied therein.
- 14/11/51 8 Upon a letter from Mr Walker at Yorke of the 11th instant, it is ordered that a letter bee sent unto him as followeth viz -
- Your letter from Yorke of the 11th instant the Companie received the last night, and upon reading thereof thinke it not necessary to write more unto you, then onely to referre you to their former letters, wherein they signifie their resolutions of having as many of the Scotch prisoners at Yorke as are fitt for their service and that you should doe your best to put the charge of conductinge them to Peterborough, or at least some parte thereof upon the Country and likewise to delay the receiving of them as long as you could without endangering the totall loosinge of them. They intreat you to pursue the instructions you received in their said former letters and tymely to give them notice when the Scotts will bee at Peterburgh. For shoes and stockings we know not how to avoyd the providing of so many as are necessary and wholly leave it to your discretion to mannage it to the best advantage of the Companie. For the allowance in their march you must doe it as cheape as you can. Those that went from here were allowed 4d per diem and 20s for the whole number but wee are informed that was too little. We take no care of money for you in regard to your letter saies you may be furnished by Mr Berry which bill the Companie will take care to pay forthwith. This being all in charge I rest.
- 17/11/51 1 Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Colonell Robert Castell, Robert Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Browne
- 17/11/51 2 Ordered that Mr Jessop receiver of the Companie doe forthwith paie or cause to bee paid unto Mr Fountayne or his assigns the sum of fiftie poundes, beinge so much received by Mr Walker at Yorke for the use and service of the Companie, and this order shall be the receivers warrant
- 17/11/51 3 Whereas John Latch Esquire on Satterdaie last did purchase 1050 acres of Charles Parsons and John Bridgemans in the 7th lott, 1850 acres of Edward Smith and John Miller in the same lott, 1095 acres from Mr John Watts in the 10th and 13th lotts and 1500 acres from Mr Miller and Mr Samuell in the 4th lott but no conveyance is yet passed from the Companie of any part of the said landes, and whereas Charles Parsons, John Bridgeman, Edward Smith, John Miller and Arthur Samuell have since agreed with the said John Latch and have paid in the money due for the taxes, and the said John Latch is willinge to relinquish his severall contractes with the Companie for the said severall respective parcells of lande, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said John Latch, now present, testfyed by setting his name here unto, that they the said Charles Parsons, John Bridgeman, Edward Smith, John Miller and Arthur Samuell **[Page 140]** and their assigned are to enjoy the aforesaid severall parcells of lande as in their former rights respectively by the aforesaid contractes

notwithstanding, subject nevertheless to the payment of all future taxes and the former orders made on Satterday last touchinge the sale of the aforesaid severall parcells of lande are hereby vacated.

19/11/51 1 Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe, Mr Alepand Jones, Colonell Robert Castell, Sir Edward Partherich, Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mt Fountayne, Mr Gorges, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr North

19/11/51 2 Upon reading of a letter from Mr Hamond of the 17th instant, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him per expresse as followeth -

The Companie received your letter of the 17th instant, and as to that part which concernes the new river and the question of backe floores, they commanded me to return you this answer that they are very sensible how much they have byn abused in that business by the originall contracte which Burton made for that worke in so much hast and when it seemes it was under water. It appeares that the takers, by the written contract, were to make that river and bancke at their full dimension for £4 a pole and there is noe mention of any allowance for backe floores or otherwise. They are satisfied how much they were over reacht, Burton using his owne judgement, or rather, act therein, refusing at the same tyme the advice and direction of those the Companie did then entrust for their affayres in the Country. And they cannot thinke themselves att all bound to make good any verball contractes or additions to contractes made by Burton or any other without their authority, which by your letter and the proofes mentioned appeares to bee the case of the backe floore. And therefore, as to them, they can say no more yet for so much of the river as is bottomed and there wants earth to make up the banks to the full proportion for the supply thereof backe floores will be brought in, and the takers have not byn mutinous, they are willing to referre the whole matter to persons chosen on both sides, whether the Company is to make any further allowance for the same, for the Companie desire not to bee their owne judges and where the bottome is not yet brought out they conceive noe demands of further allowance can bee made thereupon because it appears not what earth will yet bee required to make up the bancke, but when that is done without mutiny, the Companie will take that into consideration and doe what shall be reasonable. But for Newell whose christian name they desire to be sent up to make exemplary, [Page 141] and for the other mutinous persons the Companie is resolved not to bee forced to any satisfaction whatsoever by tumults and ryotts but instead thereof shall without delay endeavour to bringe the riotous to condign punishment, wherein the Companie would have taken present course if you had sent up the names of the rioters, which they desire you would doe by the next and to send up one or two make oath of the circumstances of the ryott

19/11/51 3 The Companie desires you to lett Mr Towers, the high sherriffe, and Colonell Castell know that they hath received their letter and shall endeavour to fulfill their desire for the service of the Countrie, and shall give them a speedie account thereof

19/11/51 4 There is an order of Parliament made this daie that is death without mercy for any of the Scotts which run awaie and it is now printing, and it shall be sent you. By the superintendent, and the Company expecte that Kelsey and the provost marshall Johnston take care for retaking such as are or shall run away that justice may bee done

19/11/51 5 As to the last part of your letter, the Companie doe conceive that the bearer hereof Sanders Mackdell may bee a fitt messenger for them and they condescende to the dyinge of his cloth and the Companie doe leave it to your discretion to give him what you thinke fitt to defray his travellinge expenses

- 19/11/51 6 Ordered that another letter bee sent to Mr Hamond which is to bee enclosed in the former as followeth - the Companie desire to know how much of the new Owse remaynes unbottomed and in what places and who the respective takers, and in case they doe not proceede to bottom it, to sett the Scotts or some other presently on worke to bottom it. They desire also to know whether the tonnells bee taken upon the north banke from Welshes dam downewards and that banke served. And again desire that they may heare somethinge from Mr Tench about the accounts and are very sensible for the delay used therein.
- 19/11/51 7 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr John Turner of Eybery and Mr Henley is desired in the name of the Companie to sign the same as followeth viz -
- Mr Turner, the Companie hath a spetiall occasion to speake with the man that keepes the sasse at Stanground to give him some private directions to about keepinge the sluice and therefore they desire **[Page 142]** you to goe unto him and send him up forthwith hither. They will paie him for his paynes and charges. And because they would have the sasse safe in his absence they doe put it under your care and doe desire you to appoint an honest man to looke to it in the meantyme. They desire you to bee very carefull of it, the whole levell dependinge on it, and to trust no man with the sasse but one that you are sure of. You will directe him how hee shall come to the Companie and send him awaie with all possible speede immediately upon receipt of this letter by the way of Huntingdon. We know not the mans name and therefore desire you to put his name to this warrant which comes to you enclosed and there to deliver to him.
- 19/11/51 8 To Mr Turner of Eybury or on his absence to Mr Richard Kendall of Crowland
- The Companie have sent this bearer on purpose to directe the man hither and to come along with him.
- 19/11/51 9 Ordered than Mr Henley bee desired to send a warrant to the keeper of the sasse at Stanground and signe the same in the name of the Companie and send the same enclosed in the precedent letter in these words viz -
- The Companie hath occasion to speake with you about giving you some spetiall orders about keeping the sasse and therefore you are to come hither forthwith to their place of meetine about Temple Barr at Mr Henleyes howse and to doe it without delay. You shall be satisfied for your payments and travell. And the Companie hath desired Mr John Turner to looke to the sasse in your absence. Fayle not herewith by any meanes
- 19/11/51 10 Ordered that a letter be sent to forthwith expresse to Mr Moore and Mr Burton or eyther of them as followeth viz -
- Mr Moore and Mr Burton, the Companie comanded mee to signifie unto you that they did the 6th October last confirme an order made by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for takinge away all stoppes in the River Neane between Whittlesey Mere and Pophams Eau whereof, as they are enformed, there is noe execution. They therefore doe againe strictly charge and order that you doe take speedy care that the same bee done accordinge to the said first order and, likewise, that Pophams Eau bee proceeded in effectually, the doeing of these two workes beinge of great moment to the Companie and without which most of the workes already done on the north side will bee fruitles to them. It **[Page 143]** is more than tyme that these workes are done and

therefore lett noe more tyme be lost.

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| 19/11/51 | 11 | Ordered that Mr Jessop and the clarke of the Companie doe take into consideration and examyn what weight the iron chest is and agree with the iron monger at a certaine price for the same and what is fitt for the Companie to pay for it, and Mr Jessop is desired accordingly to pay the same takinge his receipt |
| 19/11/51 | 12 | Memorand. The Companie doe desire Mr Thurloe to conferre with Colonell Walton touchinge the makinge of a tonnell at Crowland and to see if hee does allow or disallow of the same and according make report to the Companie |
| 21/11/51 | 1 | Earl Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr Isaak Jones, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley, Mr John Arthur, Mr Alleyn, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Castell, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Cage, Mr Page, Mr William Crane, Mr Gawsell, Mr Browne |
| 21/11/51 | 2 | Ordered that 2000 acres in the 16th lott, formerly belonginge to Mr William Crane Esquire, and lately sold to the clarke of the Companie in trust for them, bee conveyed unto Sir Edward Partherich and Mr Trafford who are hereby nominated by him (in consideration of £500 by them allready paid for the purchase thereof), to be the purchasor of the said land |
| 21/11/51 | 3 | Whereas Mr Charles, in the name of the soake of Peterborough, hath desired that a refference made by the Lord Comissioners at session of Peterburgh the 25th march last, might proceede according to an order then made by the consent of the soake and the Adventurers to Mr Norton and Mr Dowman, touching the unequall and unproportionable settinge out of the Adventurers parts of the landes, the Companie doe retorne this answer, that when the order was made it was presented that the comptroll was made by the whole soake, or at least the greater part of the soake, and was conceived that the whole soake should have byn bound to what should then have byn done by the said refferees, but the Companie have since understood that there were not above ten persons of the soake which were parties to the Companie and that the farre greater part of the soake desire that the landes may be as they are allready sett out, so, as the Company conceive, the proceedinge in the said reference will be alltogether finished, and therefore if all, or any of the soake, conceive themselves aggrrieved, if they shall apply themselves to the Lords Comissioners appointed by the Acte of Parliament, the Companie shall bee ready without delay to attend and make their defence and submitt to such order as the Lords Commissioners shall make therein. |
| 21/11/51 | 4 | [Page 144] Upon reading of a letter for Mr Tench it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him to this effect viz - the Companie wonder hee hath not written an answer unto their letter of the 8th November instant and hee is againe desired to send up his accounts without any further delay |
| 21/11/51 | 5 | Upon reading of a letter from Sir Cornelius, it is ordered that a letter been sent unto him to this effecte viz - The Companie are glad to heare that the danger threatened by his former letter is over and they earnestly desire that all possible expedition may be used in bottoming and openninge of the new river that it may better bee enabled to receive the next flood that shall come downe and the Companie will joyne with him in his good wishes for the successe of the workes |
| 21/11/51 | 6 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond and Mr Walkers letter directed to him enclosed and advertize him that since his last letter the Companie are enformed there are 210 Scotts upon their march to Peterburgh and that they doe intend to bee there by the 30th of this month. To that purpose he is desired to appoint some fitt |

persons to meete them and to provide tools and accommodation for them

- 24/11/51 1 Mr Carill, Mr North, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr William Crane, Mr Draper, Mr Henley Snr, Mr John Arthur, Mr Andrew Henley, Colonell Robert Castell
- 24/11/51 2 Ordered that 500 copies of the order or resolve of parliament made the 19th of November last past touching the Scottish prisoners bee forthwith printed att the charge of the Companie, and they are to bee dispersed all over the Levell and fixed upon some convenient place in every towne to the intent that justice may bee done and marshall law executed upon all such Scotch prisoners as are taken for runninge away in pursuance of the order of Parliament and Mr Jessop is to pay to a marke for printing the said order and this shall be his discharge
- 24/11/51 3 Whereas the companie, taking into consideration the cominge up to towne of Mr Moore their surveyor from the workes without their leave and finding the ill consequence that particular numbers of the Companie have advertisement of the state of their affayres in the Countrey and the Companie in generall wholly neglected, it is ordered that all their officers, imployed by them and that doe receive sallarys from them, doe hereafter apply themselves first to write letters to the Companie in generall touchinge their affayres before they write to any particular member of the Companie, and doe also order that neyther Mr Moore nor any other of their officers who have salaryes from them doe hereafter presume to take liberty to come away from the workes without leave first had and obteyned from five or more of the Companie, and it is further ordered that Mr Moore doe without delay retorne againe into the Great Levell of the Fennes upon the general service of the Companie
- 24/11/51 3 **[Page 145]** The Companie received your letter of the 22nd of this instant and are sorry to heare the mischance in blowing up the banke but more sorry to heare that the tunnills in the north bancke were not made according to their former direction. They are not able at this distance to give any directions for the takinge the breach, or provide for carryinge away that water which is already come downe but must leave it to your care who are upon the place, and should bee glad to heare some good newes thereabouts. They likewise wished more to advertise you that they have had an account of their letter of the 10th of November considering the seizing and sale of turffe halfe cut in the Adventurers land and hindering the carrying of it away and they now heare that there is 1500 acres in Ramsey cut awaie and wholly spoyled and the turffe yet remaining, worth about £500, which were fitt to bee looked after with care speedily. The Company have sent you herewith the printed votes of Parliament for hanging up the Scotch prisoners which run away and there is an Acte coming out speedily which doth punish all that receive, retayne or entertayne them which shall sodainly bee sent downe. In the meanetyme the Companie desire you to call on Sergeant Kelsie to be very stricke and careful on such as remayne and to see if any escapes may be recovered and brought to punishment. The Companie have ordered Mr Moore, who came away without their leave, to returne back forthwith and that none of their officers who receive sallary should absent themselves without leave from the Companie. And likewise, that all their officers and agents which receive sallary from the Companie should apply themselves from tyme to tyme to give advertisement of the Companie affayre in the first place to the Companie, and to directe their letters to John Hopkinson, their clarke, and desire you to acquainte all the officers and agents of the Companie herewith, and to that ende have comanded their enclosed order to bee sent you. They heare nothinge yet of taking up the dams and letting Vermuyden's Eau run and yet they heare that March river is brim full and if a sodaine flood come will endanger the north Levell and therefore desire your special and speedy care therein but the Companie doe not understand what you meane by opening Vermuyden's Eau for some tyme to see the experiment thereof.

The Companie heare that Henley's Eau doe not yet run and would willingly heare the reason thereof and likewise that reason of streitening the old Ouse at Erith which they apprehend must be the reason of the late breach. They recomende to your spetiall care the preservation of the sluice pitt by Salter's Loade and hope the bargaine with Christianne for settinge the sluices by the first of August will cause him to use double diligence, seeing his neglecte and default hath turned so much to the Companies prejudice and, above all, the care of the north level must not bee neglected and tendinge there to the cleare openninge of old Bedford river which the Companie understand hath byn damed up hardby the old sluice, which, if contynued, the Companie cannot understand how the riverletts and downfall of the northside of Bedford river shall be vented and, once againe, they command and to mynde you of serving the tunnills in the north banke and desire to have a speedy account what course is taken for ventinge the water which is come into the new Ouse

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| 25/11/51 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Mr Gorges, Mr Forster |
| 25/11/51 | 2 | [Page 146] Ordered that a letter of attorney bee made from fower trustees unto John Gabrielle Eliott and William Battison or any of more of them to enable them, or any one or more of them, to seize all such turffe as is lately cutt up and now remayninge upon the Adventurers land in the Great Levell of the Fennes in or nere Upwood, Ramsey, Woodwalton and the parts adjacent and that any one or more of them shall have the power to sell the same unto such person or persons and for such price and prices as Anthony Hamond shall directe and appoint |
| 26/11/51 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carill, Mr Trafford, Mr Alleyn, Mr North, Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr Browne |
| 26/11/51 | 2 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond as followeth - The Companie received your letter of 24 instant and doe very much wonder you have not received a letter from them of the 11th instant, which was then sent by James Cuthbert a Scotch prisoner who was entertayned upon the recommendation of Colonel Martyne and Mr Challoner, two parliament men. The letter consisted of several heades. I have sent you a copie thereof here enclosed, and the Companie desire you most espetially to persue the directions given therein, touching the cutting up of turffe that so they may (if neede bee) provide to a triall of law, with such as are obstinate and doe refuse the delivery thereof. I have also by comand of the Companie sent to you enclosed a copie of the petition of John Marshall of Woodwalton read over to the Companie this daie which, because it does concern you, they desire you would examyn the same and certifie the truth thereof and contribute your opinion what is fitt to bee done thereupon. I have also hencewith sent you a copie of an order touchinge the Sheire Dreyne and the heightening of that bancke which they desire you to take care may bee put to execution herewith. |
| 26/11/51 | 3 | Whereas John Marshall of Woodwalton his petition was read over this daie whereupon it is ordered that a copie bee sent down enclosed in a letter to Mr Hamond to the intent hee may enforme the Companie the truth thereof and then the Companie will reteyne the petition and answer accordingly |
| 26/11/51 | 4 | The Companie, takeinge into consideration the proportion of land sett out unto them from the Country and the Countries complaintt of unequall proportions sett out, it appeares that long agoe the Country were heard what could bee said touching the same and were satisfyed with the proportion of land then sett out although now they complain against the same, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Castell and Mr Claphorne and all other members of the Companie are desired to consider of fitt persons to bee nominated refferees for and on behalfe [Page 147] of the |

Companie in whome they may confide and in humility rely upon for their judgement in the premisses. And they are desired to deliver in the names of such referees by Fridaie next

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| 26/11/51 | 5 | Whereas the Companie were informed that Mr Moore their surveyour had very urgent occasions of his owne to bee in towne for a weeke and that hee desired leave from the Company whereupon, it is ordered that the said Mr Moore shall have liberty to stay in towne for a weeke from this daie |
| 26/11/51 | 6 | Memorand: The Companie doe agree that Mr Trenchard shall exchange 300 acres of his owne land with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for 300 acres of land part of his recompense as director of workes |
| 26/11/51 | 7 | Ordered that the bancke of the Sheyre dreyne about 3 myles below the fresh water dores bee heightened 200 rods where it is defective, and this order is to bee sent to Mr Hamond to see the same forthwith put in execution. |
| 26/11/51 | 8 | Ordered that William Watts keeper of the sasse at Stanground for the tyme to come doe not, upon any pretence whatsoever, sett open any of the dores of the said sasse longer than boates may passe through the sasse onely, and then immediately to shutt them againe unles it bee by order of one or more of the members of the Companie resident on the place in writing under his or their hand. And hee is to give security for the performance of this order unto Anthony Hamond Esquire to the use of the Company. |
| 28/11/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Alleyn, Mr North, Mr Carill, Mr B Arthur |
| 28/11/51 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to goe downe forthwith into the Great Levell of the Fennes to state the accounts and to that purpose hee is to meete the Companie on Mondaie next in the afternoone to receive instructions accordingly |
| 28/11/51 | 3 | Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond as followeth viz -

The Companie received your letter of the 26th instant, together with an abstract of the accounts there inclosed, but not signed by anybody and nothing appeareinge of the perticulars, the Companie have thought fitt and agreed to send downe Mr Jessop to take the accounts and examyn the vouchers. They intend to send him downe forthwith to Wisbech, where all those the Companie were informed, that there hath byn complaintt made for want of a highwaie betweene Downham Way and the new bridge upon Henleyes Eau they are willing to take of any more complaintts for the future and therefore they desire you to take to have a way made there. And they apprehend it is best to lay sedge there at and gravell on the topp, yet referre it to your judgement upon the place and your speedy care to have it put in execution. And in regard the Companie heare nothings from you of receipt of their letter of the 14th instant together [Page 148] with an order enclosed touchinge Christianne, they have comanded mee to send you duplicates of both which I have done accordingly. |
| 28/11/51 | 4 | The Companie received a letter of the 26th instant from Mr Hamond together with an abstracte of the accounts but not beinge signed by anyone and nothings appeareinge of the perticulars, they have thought fitt and agreed to send downe Mr Jessop to take the accounts and to examyn the vouchers. They intend to send him downe forthwith to Wisbech where you are desired to meete him and bee in a readinge with the accounts |

28/11/51	5	<p>In pursuance of the order of Wednesdaie last touchinge the nomination of fitt referees on the behalfe of the Companie upon petitions touchinge undue and unequall proportions of land sett out, the Companie thought fitt to nominate persons as followeth viz -</p> <p>John Mingay of Arminstall in County Northampton Esquire Francis Grey of Willingburgh in County Northampton Esquire Anthony Samuell of in County Northampton Esquire John Woodward of Bury in County in Committee Suffolk John Fletcher of Bury in County in Committee Suffolk John Baldwyn of in County</p>
01/12/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Nathaniall Powell, Mr Hampson, Mr Draper, Mr Buskin, Mr Thurloe, Earl of Bedford, Mr Culpeper, Mr William Crane
01/12/51	2	In persuance of a former order, Mr Jessop did enforme the Companie that there was above the some of £90000 expended for and towards the workes of the dreyninge and that thereupon Sir Cornelius Vermuden was to be contributory in proportion with the rest of the Adventurers whereupon it is ordered that Mr Jessop doe write a letter to Sir Cornelius to lett him know the Companie does expecte payment accordinge to the Articles of Agreement
01/12/51	3	Whereas in regards to the foote of the abstract of accounts lately sent up to the Companie that there is remayninge above £8000 in the hand of the expendor, it was money that the tax of 15d an acre, sett 10th November last, might bee respited which being taken into consideration after some debate touchinge the same it is thought fitt that the said debate touching respiting of the said tax bee resumed againe on Wednesday next. In the meantyme Mr Thurloe is desired to conferre with Mr Jessop touching the accoumpts and what further some of money is necessary to bee raised on Wednesday next, to report the same to the Companie and then to resolve when the said taxes to bee paid
01/12/51	4	[Page 149] Ordered that Mr Tench bee present at every pay hereafter to bee made, to the ende hee may see the same performed and thereby bee enabled to make perfecte entries of it in his bookes, and at those paies, nothinge is to be paid for but rod worke. Mr Hamond is likewise desired to bee present there if hee can, and as for all thinges else to bee paid, eyther for carpenters worke, landes, sallaries, or other thinges whatsoever, noe pay at all is to bee paid but by warrant from Mr Hamond entered into the comptroll and hereof the expendor is to take notice, the Companie declaringe that whatsoever money is paid contrary to this order, the same shall not bee allowed by the Companie. And Mr Tench is hereby ordered to send up to the Companie the next weeke a note of all the money paid since the 20th November last and to every paie hence forward to bee made, expressinge therewith for what such money is expended. And Mr Hamond, Mr Tench the expendor and his deputies are to have copies hereof sent unto them
01/12/51	5	Whereas the Companie is informed that the landes adjudged dreynd and whereunto the fower Trustees named in the Acte were put in actuall seizing and possession by the law at Peterburgh, are not onely cutt into turffe pitts but that the turffe there cut is ende above to bee carryed away to the great prejudice and damage to the Companie of Adventurers, the Companie therefore doe authorize Mr Jeffery Hawkins of Ramsey to seize and take into his possession all the turffe hee findes upon the said land and to sell the same at best rate for the advantage of the Companie and to service those that hee cannot sell upon the grownd, that they bee not carryed awaie. And hee is likewise to enquire out the names of such as cutt the same and send up

theire names to the Companie, and likewise to enquire the certaine tyme when the said were cutt, and in case any person or persons carry away any of the turffes, to have them before the Justice Phesant or some other justice of the peace.

- 01/12/51 6 Memorand. Ordered that Mr Browne, sollicitor to the Companie, doe forthwith take out a *latitat* in the upper bench in the name of the treasurer against Humfrey Rowland, William Sherman and Francis Burrowes for not performinge theire worke accordinge to contract, and the Companie leave it to Mr Hannon of Wisbech to nominate spetiall bayliffs.
- 01/12/51 7 The Companie received your [Mr Hammond] letter of the 28th November last, and since you have for the present deserted the dam, the Companie desire you to take care of servicing the tunnells on the north bancke that the north levell may be put out of danger. The Companie wrote formerly to you to bee informed how much of the new river wanted its bottom and having received nothings in answer, thereunto, they desire that by the next you would lett them know how much of the river is unbottomed and in what places. And now the workes are lessened on the south side, they desire that more haste may bee made of the north side and, in perticular, of the division dykes, Pophams Eau and the clearinge of Vermuydens 40 foote Eau, the runninge thereof they expected to have heard by your last. Concerninge the **[Page 150]** turffe pits, the Companie have made an order for Jeffery Hawkins which they desire you to send unto him, as likewise to send the other orders enclosed, to whome they doe concerne, and to give what rules you thinke fitt to enforce the execution of them. The Companie desires to heare some news touchinge the Scotts and how they doe behave themselves. They received a letter this daie from Mr Walker dated at Grantham 28 November last so that you will speedily heare they are come to Peterborough and if, in case there be found any Scotts that are taken running awaie, to secure them that justice may be done according to the resolves of Parliament
- 03/12/51 1 Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Wingfield, Mr Parsons, Mr Browne, Mr Latch, Mr Alleyn, Colonell Underwood, Mr Draper, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson, Mr North, Mr Buffkin, Mr Gale, Mr John Arthur, Mr Nathaniall Powell
- 03/12/51 2 Ordered that a letter bee sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden in answer to his two letters received yesterday by Cambridge carryer as followeth viz - The Companie have received both your letters and thenceby the ill newes of a breach in the north bancke of Bedford river, and if the truth be as the Companie are informed that the bancke was a perfecte bancke in the place where it broake and that it happened neither by negligence nor willfullnes, which they hope you will strictly enquire into, they can say nothings to it at present more than desire that the place may be well served for the future, onely the Companie are much afraid that the makinge the 12 foote so nere it, on the south side thereof was a great reason of this breach and that it is very worthy to bee considered whether that dike will not keepe that banke all allong from Welches dam to Salters Lode under a perpetuall hazard and it is desired that you would take it into your consideration and give the Companie some satisfaction in it. And they differ from you in the opinion that if the new river had been bottomed this had byn prevented, but on the contrary that if all the water of Ouse had byn put between the bankes at this tyme this breach had byn fatall to us, that it would have drowned the whole North Levell. For that it is dangerous for men to meddle in busines that have not the whole fabricke of the busines in theire heades they agree with you in and feare they have had the experience of it too much allready; for certainly if they that had the management of the workes on the south side, in the beginning of the last year, had considered all the circumstances, they conceive they had not byn engaged into so many inconveniences, nor the worke on the new river so

ill ordered that the lower ende thereof is yet to doe, which should have byn first done, and if the lower ende of that river had first byn begun and bottomed up as high as Welches dam and then cutt crosse into the old Bedford River, the floodes might have byn so ordered by letting some of the water run through the nyne holes that you might have wrought all the winter upon that part of the new river which is between Welches dam and Erith. For the addition of 20d a floore for makinge the bancke to its height upon pretence the bancke is sunke, you say ought not bee made upon the workemens account, the Companie understands **[Page 151]** not upon what terms this allowance is made. Mr Hamond writes nothing to us of it whose judgement is proper to bee had therein, beinge intrusted by the Companie perticularly in those rules. And therefore untill they receive somethinge from him, they desire no such allowance may bee made. The Companie hope to heare that by the next, the dam at Welnie is taken and that all is well again and they neede not desire you contribute your best assistance to it. For the paie daies Mr Hamond hath directions to order them so as they shall be appointed for the best advantages of the workes.

03/12/51 3 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond as followeth viz - the Companie received your letter of the last of November past and doe apprehende that the making of the 12 foote dreyne so nere the bancke on the south side was a great occasion of this breach and therefore they desire you to search that dreyne throughout whether it may not bee of dangerous consequence to the said bancke and satisfy the Companie therein. And whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuyden writes of allowing 20d a floore to the workmen, the Companie thinke it unreasonable and doe therefore desire your opinion in it before any order bee made in it. And they likewise desire you to consider of the pay days and take care to order them for they may be for the best advantage of the Companie and their workes. But the new bank beinge as it is overflowen on both sides, the Companie is concerned that noe great matter can bee layed out their upon for the present. The Companie doe hope that by this tyme the breach is taken and all things succeeede well and doe relye upon yourselfe to have an eie to the serving all that part on the north side that the same may bee effectually done and that the Companie may bee fully assured thereof. I have sent you that part of Sir Cornelius letter which concernes the £20 a floore, here inclosed, which, when you have read, to seale and send it to him.

03/12/51 4 Whereas Mr Knivett on behalfe of the towne of Denver this day came to the Companie and desired satisfaction from them for diverse severalls of Denver cut through and prejudiced by makinge of Downham Eau which is cutt quite through their landes. The Companie takinge the same into consideration, and also the certificate made by William Fischer and Tristram Diamond Esquire upon the order of refference made at Wisbech doe hereby thinke fitt and order that Mr Hamond doe cause a surveyour on the behalfe of the Companie to ascertaine how much land as aforesaid is cutt through and damnified by makinge the said Eau and makinge the wan dykes thereunto belonginge to Denver, and beinge satisfied thereof to give warrant to the expeditor to paie the money due there upon, accordinge to their severall estates in fee simple £12.10.00 an acre for so much as is cutt away and to those that have lesser estates, pro rata accordinge to such estates. And Mr Hamond is desired to take care that the partes of the place, harmed herein, may, upon payment of the money make to the fower trustees conveyances of their landes accordinge to their representatives interests. And for the infants, to take you **[Page 152]** collaterall security to convey when they come of age. And for the bridge, Mr Knivett moves the Companie to build on Downham Eau for the passage of the inhabitants of Denver into their landes lying on the west side of Downham Eau, the Companie will further consider thereof when they shall bee certified what the said shall cost.

03/12/51	5	A question beinge put whether or noe the day of sale of defaulters landes on Monday next shall be put of, it was resolved in the affirmative.
03/12/51	6	Another question beinge put what day shall bee appointed a day of sale, it was resolved that Monday come fortnight next shall bee a day of sale for all defaulters landes in payinge the last tax to all intents and purposes as it should have byn on Monday next. And Mr Thurloe is desired to conferr with Mr Jessop about the accounts, and to examyn and report to the Companie what money is in cash against Monday next.
03/12/51	7	Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith pay unto Mr Fountayne or his assugned the some of thyrty poundes which hath byn by Mr Walker taken up at Yorke for one Mr Berry for the use and service of the Companie upon Mr Fountaynes account
03/12/51	8	Mr Taylor this day delivered in a petition directed to the Commissioners and not to the Adventurers whereupon the Companie did not thinke fitt to have the said read out in regard of the like.
03/12/51	9	Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond with the order for the towne of Denver to bee sent enclosed to desire to see the same executed.
05/12/51	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Thurloe, Sit Edward Patherich, Mr Latch, Mr Hampson, Mr Gorges, Mr Alleyne
05/12/51	2	Whereas the Companie were informed this daie that one Richard Carter, that is a copie holder of the manor of Mepall, hath a certaine cottage or tenement that now by reason of the workes of dreyninge is layd in the Wash to his very great prejudice and damage. The Companie takinge the said into consideration doe thinke fitt and hereby order that Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn the prejudice and damage hee hath susteyned and forthwith to render unto him present satisfaction accordinge to what justice can bee required from the Company and to give warrant to the expendor for payment of money for that purpose.
05/12/51	3	Ordered this daie by the Companie of Adventures accordinge to and in pursuance of an order from the Lordes Commission made this daie that all officers imployed under them on the workes doe forthwith forbear the diking out of any parte of the 175 acres in Sutton meadlandes untill the next sitting of the Lordes Commissioners in the Middle Temple Hall which is the next Wednesdaie after the next term, and it is espetially recommended to Mr Burton to see this order put in due execution.
05/12/51	4	Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond as followeth viz -

[Page 153] There hath by Captain Cole and diverse of the inhabitants of the towne of Mepall, with the Companie, touchinge the landes in Sutton cutt through since the Acte of Parliament, they suggest and pretend that there is a 91 acre, 1 rod and 11 perches and say they are willinge to take satisfaction accordinge as you have agreed with them which they say is 20 nobles an acre. If this suggestion bee true, the Companie doe desire, according to their former orders and instructions, that the money may be forthwith paid to the owner of that land or else to give the Companie a very good reason why it is not, and they conceive you will bee satisfied in the measure of the land that the Companie may not pay for their owne lande. For the 175 acres which they alledge taken in the Meadlands which they conceive unequally sett out and which the townesmen doe offer to buy from the Companie, doe propound to those that are concerned in it that they will name one if they thinke fitt and the Companie to name another refferee to propound a way of accomodation, and in

pursuance of an order of the Lordes Commission made this day I have sent to you enclosed an order thereupon for the perfecte stopping of the diking out of that lande untill their Lordes next meeting in the Middle Temple Hall which is on Wednesdaie next after the next terme. And as to Bransill Close, belonging to Mr Collins and in farme to Goodmas Siffon, whereof complaintt is made of distroying the fenne, the Companie doe recommend the same unto your care to see them fenced where the Companie ought to doe it. And as to Richard Carters cottage in Mepall, I have sent you here enclosed an order of the Companie whereby you are authorised herewith to consider the damage hee hath susteyned and to give him present satisfaction. And as touchinge the landes alledged cutt (since the Acte of Parliament) in Mepall, the Companie are not satisfied for enlarging the price propounded by you formerly, yet doe desire to bee further informed from you touchinge the same if there bee cause. And lastly the Companie desire you to take into consideration Mr Michael Carters damage this last yeare of his 30 acres in Mepall, carryinge more feede of cattell, and who ought to make him satisfaction and what recompence the Companie ought in justice to make him, they desire may bee made accordingly. I am also to acquaint you with the order made this day which is that the order made at St Ives 3 July last, whereby you were desired to compound with the inhabitants of Sutton for lande cutt for the makinge of the Bedford River in the first undertaking, is forthwith discharged and made void to all intents and purposes

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| 08/12/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Crane, Mr Page, Mr Trenchard, Colonell Underwood, Mr Trafford, Mr North, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr John Russell, Mr G Gawsell, Mr Bradley, Mr Carrill |
| 08/12/51 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Moore the surveyor shall have 4 Scotts prisoners allowed for to assiste him in rowing and carrying chayne and other imployment in order to the surveying of the Fennes and Mr Walker is [Page 154] to give direction that so many of the Scotch prisoners be drawne out for the service aforesaid. And when the said Mr Moore hath noe other imployment for them they are to returne to the other workes againe. |
| 08/12/51 | 3 | Memorand. The Companie doe agree that on Monday come fortnight next, so many of the members of the Companie as are willing may then, if they please, take into consideration the entertaynement of the Scotch prisoners for their private occasions |
| 08/12/51 | 4 | <p>Whereas Major West and Captain Cole came and delivered in certaine demands to the Companie on the behalfe of Sutton Berystead, the Companie thought fitt to retorne there an answer as followeth viz -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The Companie takinge your demands into consideration, they conceive they have from the first to last given you an answer and made an agreement with you heretofor — For that which concerns breaking hegges by Scotts and dikers, they have nothinge to doe with it, the Law beinge open to them as well as others and the Companie will joyne with the Country to have any such misdemeanors punished — For all other thinges in your paper, the Companie doe referre it to their officers in the Country to bee informed from them of the perticulars and how farre the Companie ought to give satisfaction |

Ordered that this answer, together with a copie of the said demands, bee forthwith sent downe to Mr Hamond and the officers on the workes

08/12/51	4	Memorand: Captain Lane moved of the Companie for assurance of the landes in the 1st lott accordinge to agreement made at Peterburgh, and that Sir Cornelius had found out purchasers for the same and therefore that the conveyances may bee passed upon which the Companie had some debate, and Captain Lane being called in, it appeared that hee had not any authoritye in writinge for performinge the said agreement on the parte of the workemen, the Companie beinge willinge, as in them lyes to performe theire part and convey the landes, if the other side will give the Companie securitye for payment of the money and performe what lyes on their parte.
10/12/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr North, Mr Alleyn, Mr Trafford, Mr Latch, Mr Browne, Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr John Russell, Mr Bradley
10/12/51	2	Ordered upon reading Mr Walkers letter that Mr Henley write unto him and in the name of the Companie retorne him thanks for his paynes and care taken of their affayres and to leave it to himselfe to take his owne convenient tyme to come up to towne upon his perticular occasions and retorne againe for the good of the Companie
10/12/51	3	[Page 155] Ordered that Mr Thurloe take into his consideration the money due to the Companie from that northside of Wisbech and use some means for the obteyninge thereof and certifie the Companie how hee findes the same and whether any parte thereof hath byn as yet paid.
10/12/51	4	The Companie takinge into consideration Mr Fyennes his business and the release sent up from the Lords viscoumpt, lay and seale which beinge read over, it is ordered that Mr Browne sollicitor to the Companie doe attend Mr Latch who is of councell for the Companie to know of him whether they may safely accept of the said release as it is now drawne, and hee is to attend him with the other writings in his custodie
10/12/51	5	Upon reading a letter from Mr Hamond it is ordered that an answer thereof bee sent unto him as followeth - Yours of the 8 Dec was this day, read onto the Companie, and as to that part as concerns the Scotts, the Companie doe intend, and this day have ordered, that they shall not be employed to hassakinge any perticular mans worke or any other private workes so long as there is any generall worke of the Companie to bee done. And if they are employed in hassacking any perticular mans grownde or other private worke, the Companie expects to bee answered for the same at the same rate as other labourers in the Country use to take for the like work. And the Companie to paie the Scotts, and the Companie desire that if you give waie to imploy them upon any private worke that you would take care that the Companie may be answered accordinge to this order. And the Companie doe leave it to your consideration whether it is not fitt for all the Scotts for the present to be first employed at Mepall. And whereas the Companie were informed that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden have given order for makinge severall sluces since the order of comptroll made the 14th November last, they desire you to certifie the truth thereof unto them and to lett Sir Cornelius Vermuyden know the Companie will not allow of anything done by him contrary to the last order of comptroll. The Companie also desire you to call upon Captain Fisher and others of the towne of Wisbech for £700, which the Companie sent them, as also for their proportion due for the sluces below the Clowe, that the same may be forthwith paid. And for answer to the letter received inclosed from the takers touching backfloores, the Companie are willinge that you appoint William Jessop gent for the person as to arbitration for the backfloores, to meete Mr Barber Edward Barber and the towne of Lynn to bee the place, but for the tyme and the particular place in Lynne, it is referred

unto you singly to consider and appoint the same as you conceive fittest in reference to Mr Jessops other business that hee may make but one journey for that, and takinge the Companies accounts and to lett the Companie know the tyme that they may appoint Mr Jessop accordingly, and that the takers may not thinke they are delayed but, accordinge to their former order, the Companie referre to arbitration, nothinge of backfloores but for such takers as have bottomed the river accordinge to their contracte. As touchinge the dikes, the Companie will not admitt of altringe the proportion of 12 foote to 10 foote, and as to the rate they apprehend that what they have allready given is full enough and that a 1d a foote is the known rate for diking. Nevertheless if you finde there may bee any thinge in respecte of some thinge extraordinary in one perticular case more than another breede difference touchinge the same, they leave it unto yourselfe to accommodate who they know will take care not to bring a prejudice upon them by an ill president. Sir, the Companie are very solicitous and very much unsatisfied untill they heare that the breach at Wellnea **[Page 156]** is taken and all that north banke well serviced for they are very fearefull that unles some speedy course bee taken for the direction of the water of Ouse or giving it some larger passage there may happen some breach againe about Erith which may prove very prejudiciall to the north side of Bedford River.

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| 10/12/51 | 6 | As to the bearer Sanders Mackdell, the Companie have orders that he shall have 10d a day allowed for him and 6d a weeke on and above his allowance towards his shooes, and the Companie doe expecte that hee should come up once every weeke constantly with letters. Hee hath had a new payre of shooes here which cost 3s and is to bee deducted out of his allowance of six shillings foure pence a weeke. And if the rest of the Scotts prove honest and laborious, the Companie will be ready to give them encouragement by any fittinge allowance as they shall understand their meritte from you, wherewith you may acquainte them as from the Companie |
| 10/12/51 | 7 | Order that Mr Browne the Companie sollicitor bee desired to attend Colonell Walton and Mr Thurloe until an order bee obteyned for a guard of soldyers touchinge the prejudice done to the Companie in cuttinge up the turffe and other misdemeanors, and not to desist untill an order bee obteyned for prevention of the like misdemeanors |
| 10/12/51 | 8 | Ordered that Sanders Mackdell, one of the Scotch prisoners employed by the Companie as their messenger, shall have allowed him 10d a daie and sixpence a weeke towards shooes on and above his allowance, and Mr Hamond is to take notice that the Companie doe expect hee shall come up once a weeke constantly with letters. And it is further ordered that Mr Dalton, servant it to Mr Jessop, bee desired to provide a bed and bedding with a payre of shirts for him. |
| 12/12/51 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Carill, Mr Henley Snr, Mr latch, Mr North, Mr Trafford, Mr Gawsell, Mr Thurloe |
| 12/12/51 | 2 | Memorand. That Mr Jessop take care to examyn whether Mr Palmer and all other officers of the Companie have pursued their instructions and orders |
| 12/12/51 | 3 | Memorandum that the messenger doe warne all the members of the Companie against Monday come seenight next, that beinge a daie appointed for the sale of all defaulters landes for paying the last tax |
| 17/12/51 | 1 | [Page 157] Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr Lathc, Mr North, Mr Gale, Mr Page, Mr John Russell, Mr Trafford, Mr Gorges, Mr Robert Lane, Mr Browne |

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Upon reading of a letter from Mr Hammond, it is ordered that an answer thereof bee sent onto him as followeth:

Your letter of 15 instant was this day read over to the Companie and as to that part which concernes hassaking private workes, the Companie are of the same opinion they were in their former letter, viz they doe expect to bee answered for the private worke of hassaking done by the Scotts at the same rates as other labourers use to take for the like worke, and that they bee not hereafter placed upon any mans worke where the pay is difficult to be gayned, and if they be upon any such worke the Companie would have them removed. The Companie comanded mee to put you in mynde of answeringe that part of their former letter touching the making of more sluces, as they were enformed Sir Cornelius had given order for. As also the Companie desire you to call upon Captain Fisher and others of Wisbech for the £700 lent them by the Companie which was mentioned in the last letter to which you gave no answer. As touching the bank cutt, which you mentioned in your letter to bee in Carr Dyk at a place called Stow Nook, the Companie hath written to Mr Turner to enquire out the person who did it and the tyme when and the circumstances thereof and to send up one that can make oath of it which the Companie desire you to see may be effectually prosecuted. And the Companie desire you would retorne thanks to the Captain for his civility to the Companie at the paie made at Sutton and to sending his name. As touchinge backfloores, the Companie thinke it very strange the takers should bee so sodainly paid contrary to their owne letter directed to you (a copie of which is sent here enclosed wherein they submitt to arbitration and name a partie of their owne and desire the Companie to doe the like which upon that letter names Mr Jessop and Lynne to bee the place, and therefore they cannot but wonder that contrary to their former letter, and their willingness to submitt to arbitration, there was present payment made before, the Companie desire to bee further satisfyed herein. Sir, the Companie hope that Sir Cornelius have not taken upon him to give direction for the making of any new workes untill the Companie have given their approbation. And it is ordered in pursuance of the last order of comptroll, that noe new workes shall bee made untill the Companie have approved of the same. And touchinge a draft of an assurance which you say was sent up about 6 weekes since, the Companie knowest not of it, neyther was any sent heither. The Companie would have the towne of Denver and all others to seale the same forme of releife as hath byn used with a covenant to make further assurance by fyne recovers that, or otherwise, as counsell shall advise and it must bee to the 4 trustees named in the Acte and to their heirs. Sir, I have sent you enclosed a copie of Mr Turners observations which the Companie desire you would take into your consideration, and that you would appoint Mr Burton or such others as you shall thinke fitt speedily to repayre unto him and take a view of those defects in the north bancke of Mortons Leam and to take care the same bee repayed and if possible before any flood comes downe againe. And as touchinge the 200 rod of the Wann Dike, which is almost finished, the Companie, to avoyd clamour, desire **[Page 158]** you could take spetiall care to appointe the same to bee undertaken and the workemen paid. And that the same course bee taken with all other workes of the like nature that the poore workemen may not have cause of complaint or clamour.

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Ordered the daie the of sale of all defaulters landes in payinge the tax of 15d an acre last sett, is not to bee untill the 9th day of January next to all intents and purposes as it should have byn Monday next

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Memorand. Mr Jessop to make up a bill of charges in his last journey into the Fennes in takinge the accoumpts. And the Companie intends to give him a meete recompense on and above his charges then, and also in his journey now intended.

17/12/51	5	<p>Upon reading a letter from Mr Turner of Ely, it is ordered that a answer bee sent first unto him to this effecte</p> <p>And the Companie are very well satisfyed with his apology and doe believe his faithfullnes to them that they, havinge lately sent a letter a letter from Mr Hamond wherein he acquaints the Companie with the cuttinge of a bancke in Car Dyke at a place called Stone Nook, the Companie doe desire to enquire out the person that did it and the tyme when and the circumstances thereof, and to send upon that can make oath of it that so they may make him an example to deter others from the like</p>
17/12/51	6	Ordered that Mr Carill, Mr Henley, Captain North and Mr Gale bee added to the committee formely nominated to consider of Mr Latch his demands and they or any too of them are desired forthwith to make report to the Companie how they finde the same
17/12/51	7	Ordered that Mr Jessop forthwith pay unto Mr Watlyn the some of three and thyrtye shillings which hee layed out in sending Mr Burgess to the Lord Viscount Say and seale for the service of the Companie accordinge to bill of charges delivered into the Companie
17/12/51	8	Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration the prejudice and damage done unto them by reason of turffe pitts cut into Adventurers landes, whereupon severall orders hath byn made, it is now ordered that the same bee espetially taken into consideration at a generall meetinge of the Companie on Mondaie next
17/12/51	9	Upon readinge a petition delivered in this day by Mr Charles Lawrence, it is ordered that Mr Hamond be desired to examyn the same and take it into consideration and accordingly doe the petition right therein
19/12/51	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Walker, Mr Adams, Mr Carill, Mr North, Mr Hampson, Mr B Arthur, Mr B Weston, Mr Browne
19/12/51	2	[Page 159] Whereupon reading a reporte in writinge of the sub-committee appointed to take into consideration the 600 acres formerly purchased by Sir Thomas Hampson, it was mooted that the conveyance might bee sealed accordingly, whereupon it is ordered that the assurance for the said 600 acres, purchased as aforesaid, shall be forthwith sealed without prejudice to eyther partie according to the report
19/12/51	3	Upon motion of Benjamyn Weston Esquire, it is ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond that hee should signifie to Mr Moore that it is the Companies pleasure that hee should forthwith make a survey or estimate of the lande belonginge to him and his brother the Earl of Portland which is cutt through and prejudiced in order to the worke of dreyning, that present payment may bee made as used in like cases, and in case there arises any disagreement about the price that then the Companie may bee certified thereof
22/12/51	1	Mr Gilbert Gerard, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr Adams, Mr Browne, Mr Page, Mr Alleyn, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Colonell Underwood, Mr North, Mr Downinge, Mr Fountayne, Mr Marsham, Mr William Weston, Mr Walker, Mr Hampson, Mr Robert Henley
22/12/51	2	Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden bee spoken with all on Wednesday next as touchinge the overflowinge of the Car Dike that the Companie may receive some satisfaction, espetially in regard it was enformed that Burrough Fen was white with water by reason thereof

22/12/51	3	Ordered that Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Adams, Mr Trenchard, Mr Say, Mr Henley and Mr Walker, or any three of them, are hereby named a Committee to consider the framing some propositions for the managinge the busines for the next yeare and consider of a method, and deliver the same in writing to the Companie for theire approbation, and to that purpose the said committee, or any three of them, are desired to meete at Mr Trenchards chamber at Bedford howse of Wednesday next by eight a clocke in the morninge
22/12/51	4	Ordered that Mr Jessop doe acquainte Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that as hee understandes the accoumpts of the Companie, hee is to be contributory towards the charges of dreyninge the levell equally in proportion with the rest of the Companie of Adventurers, accordinge to the Articles of Agreement made betweene them
22/12/51	5	It is ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired forthwith to appointe Mr Moore, the surveyour, to survey and make an estimate of all such severalls belonginge to the towne of Over as have byn cutt through and prejudiced, and to give publike notice in the church that on the Companies behalfe hee is ready to contracte for any such landes cutt through and prejudiced [Page 160] that so the owner may receive satisfaction according to a true estimate of the damage done unto them, and if they will not come or will not agree, that then hee tender them such a sum of money as shall bee reasonable and this hee is desired to doe upon the next sabbath daie after the receipt of this order
24/12/51	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Hampson, Mr Adams, Mr Naylor, Mr Drewry, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carill, Mr Herring, Mr William Weston
24/12/51	2	Ordered that every Tuesday bee a day sett apart purposely for answeringe letters directed to the Companie
24/12/51	3	Memorand that Mr Fountayne does declare dissent to the order for opening the dam upon the River Neane and does desire the same may bee made void
24/12/51	4	Ordered that every private man whatsoever that desires to have his land hassaked by the Scotts shall henceforward allow unto the Companie six shillings an acre for every acre so hassaked. And in regard Mr Henley does offer six shillings an acre for every acre of his owne Adventurers Land as shall be hassaked by the Scotts, it is further ordered by the Companie that Gabriell Ellyott, his servant, doe inquire if some of them, as by Mr Hamond shall bee thought necessary, to bee forthwith sett at worke and imployed in hassaking Mr Henley's owne Adventurers Lands
29/12/51	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Carill, Mr North, Mr Fountayne, Mr John Russell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Gorges
29/12/51	2	Memorand that the Committee named in the order of the 5th November last or any three of them are authorised to take into theire consideration the preservation of all deedes, evidences, writings, mappes and other thinges belonginge to the Companie and to meete at two a clocke in the afternoone on Wednesdaie next and the furthest of which the Committee named in the said order are to have notice
31/12/51	1	[Page 161] Mr Thurloe, Mr Henley, Mr Trafford, Mr Latch, Mr Andrey Henley, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr Bradley, Colonell Underwood

- 31/12/51 2 Memorand. That the order whereby 6s an acre is to been given by every perticular man whose land is to be hassaked by the Scotts is to have this amendment added to it viz instead of the word (them) this word (Companie) is to bee interlyned.
- 31/12/51 3 Memorandum to gett 500 Scott prisoners from Durham, to bee first to Lynne, according to the order lately made at the Councill of State
- 31/12/51 4 Memorand - To know of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden what hee intends to doe about payinge the Companie for the Scotts for hassackinge his private Adventurers landes, as also to give them an account of what hee intends to doe in payinge the money towards the charge of dreyninge in pursuance of the Articles of Agreement betweene the Companie and him, and Mr Jessop is to call upon him for his finall answer thereunto.
- 31/12/51 5 Ordered that Mr Naylor, Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Carrow doe shew cause to the Companie why they doe not consent to the subdivision of the 1000 acres of the 8th lott which is by lott sold unto them, and in case they doe not consent to a subdivision thereof the Companie will appoint a division thereof to the intent they may know to what landes to repayre in case there be default in payment of taxes
- 31/12/51 6 Ordered that a letter be written to Mr Hamond as followeth viz
- The messenger was detayned untill now in expectation of sending downe an order from the Councill of State which not beinge yet ready wee shall send you by the next oportunity. For clothinge the Scotch prisoners, the Companie can onely say their shirts cost 2s 6d a shirt and their kersies cost 2s 3d a yard for their clothes, and if you can clothe them as cheape in the Country, the Companie desire you to provide them clothinge, if not to lett them know it by the next and at what rate you can doe it in the Country. For shoes they intreat you to provide them at Wisbech which they heare is a cheape place. The Companie have sent you hereby enclosed an order concerninge the landes out at Over. They intreat you to take perticular care of and to see it performed according to the intent and meaning thereof and this they intreat you by noe means to omitt because there is great notice taken of that case and likewise of the landes cutt at Mepall, wherein the Companie to take some speedie order that they may have satisfaction. The refference concerninge your owne lande with Mr Marshall, the order is here enclosed sent you.
- 02/01/52 1 **[Page 162]** Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Browne, Mr North, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Gorges, Mr Culpeper
- 02/01/52 2 Ordered that in regard Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Naylor have not shewed cause to the contrary why the 1000 acres in the 8th lott should not bee divided according to the order of the 31st December last, that Mr Latch bee desired to make an equall division of the said 1000 acres into two parts and thereof to make the 2 lotts with Mr Cardrow to draw one for his 500 acres and Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Naylor, or in their default, after notice given by the clarke of the Companie, for them to draw the other for their 500 acres. And accordinge as the lotts shall fall out, that division to stand touchinge the said 1000 acres and to bee entered in the booke of the Companie for entrie of conveyances that the Companie may report to the perticular landes in case any of the said Adventurers shall respectively make default in payinge in their taxes. And the Earle of Bedford and the other trustees are desired to take notice hereof that they may stand trusted accordingly
- 02/01/52 3 Memorand Mr Thurloe does consent that in his absence the clarke of the Companie shall draw his lott in the 8th lott.

02/01/52	4	Whereas Mr Jessop being forthwith to goe downe to Lynne Regis in the County of Norfolk to state the accounts the Companie, they doe appoint and authorize the said Mr Jessop to call before him all and every person and persons whatsoever which have received any sum or sumes of money of the Companie or by their appointment or are anyway accountable to the Companie to state and audite their severall accounts with as much respecte as may be had to the severall orders and instructions of the Companie made therein. And it is hereby ordered that the said Mr Jessop doe represent to the Companie the severall accounts by him stated for their approbation, and in perticuler that Mr Jessop doe expecte vouchers for makinge good the accounts accordinge to the order of the Companie. And also to examyn where all the materialls are now and in whose custodie. And to take spetiall care that no money bee allowed to such officers as have byn reduced and casheyred. As also that noe man shall receive and mony upon any daie bill that hee bringeth himself or does himselfe certifie to bee done but all such money is to bee paid to the parties themselves that doe the worke. And to call upon such as owe the Companie money for the tymber in Downham parke.
05/01/52	1	[Page 163] Mr Henley Snr, Mr Bridges, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Mr John Russell, Mr Trafford, Mr Walker
05/01/52	2	<p>Upon readinge a letter from the expeditor, it is ordered that an answer bee sent out unto him as followeth</p> <p>The comptroll hath retorned to the Company short notes of what hath byn paid since the abstracts and of the £8482.01.07 in your handes hee certified the Companie hath byn paid somethinge about £5000 but those abstracts are so short and so uncertyane as to the payments that the Companie have sent downe Mr Jessop to audite the accounts accordinge to your desire and hee was furnished with authority from the Companie to that purpose and hath with him the orders of the Companie whereby the treasury under your handes is to bee regulated. And the Company hope you have so well observed the same that noe doubt can arise concerninge them although it may appeare as your say, upon Mr Jessops retorne, and that the Companie information have byn mistaken, yet that they are sure they have not in others, however it is growne into a custome with everybody to charge all people that observe the Companie affayres anythinge narrowly in the Country and give them information thereof with hast and takinge up reports merely upon trust. The Companie acknowledge their expence in the Country this yeare hath byn great and thereby your trouble and expence the more. However the Companie hope when you have considered all and in how good and publique a worke you have byn imployed in, you will not finde cause to repent you of your undertakinge but contynue and goe on cheerefully in you work till you see a happy conclusion thereof.</p>
05/01/52	3	Upon the motion of Mr Fynnes it was agreed that if hee and his brother John Fynnes would enter into a some of £500 to the 4 trustees of the Companie to procure that Lord Viscount Say and seale to passe such further assurance of the landes in Waldersey as councell shall advise that hee shall receive the £100 in Mr Henleyes handes. And the Councell is to attend Mr Latch for the drawing up the condition of the said bond
05/01/52	4	Memorand the Companie doe desire the Committee named in the order of 22 December or any 3 of them to meete and acte accordinge to the direction of the said order

05/01/52	5	Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to stand chargeable with payment of the taxes due upon the 5th lott accordinge to the Articles of Agreement made between him and the Companie unles hee shew cause to the contrary on Wednesdaie next
07/01/52	1	Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr William Weston, Mr North, Mr Partherich
07/01/52	2	Memorand. That Mr Hamond is to have a copie of the agreement of the north side of Wisbech touching the gull sent unto him
07/01/52	3	[Page 164] Memorand. That the clarke wayte upon Mr Trenchard and Mr Say at the howse dore tomorrow morning about 10 a clock with the warrant and Colonell Thomas Castells letter.
07/01/52	4	Ordered that Mr Tenchard shall have allowed and paid unto him by the receivor the sum of forty shiilinges which hee disburses and paid to one Mr Lawrence, formerly imployed about the division dikes. And a letter is to bee sent to Mr Hamond to know what was the reason hee was not paid.
07/01/52	5	Ordered that the Scotts that are not yet furnished with clothes bee forthwith provided for here according as the other Scotch prisoners were and at the like rates
07/01/52	6	Ordered that the sollicitor to the Companie doth forthwith take out writts against any trespassers and offenders against the Companie
07/01/52	7	Upon reading a letter from Mr Turner Ordered that 200 perches of a side of the banckes of the Sheyre dreyne bee forthwith speedily heightened and all other defects in the said banckes amended and repayed. And in regard Mr Burton pricing all overseers is farr of distant from the place, it is ordered that in his absence Mr Moore the surveyour and Mr John Turner of Eybury bee desired to survey and take up the said banckes and to take care it bee effectually done accordingly, and, upon certificate made by Mr Turner and Mr Moore to the clarke comptroller, and hee, certifyinge the expendor the charges and the perticulars thereof, it shall bee a sufficient warrant to the expendor to pay the some.
07/01/52	8	Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth: Sir - The Companie received yours by the messenger about 3 a clocke in the afternoone together with Captain Fishers letter enclosed to you which the Companie can onely say that by the next you may expecte a full answer thereunto, and proves it is intended to bee sent downe accordingly. As to the other parte of your letter touchinge the overseers, whereupon you desire some direction therein, the Companie have tooke it into consideration and doe wholly leave it unto yourself to appointe as many overseers as you shall conceive necessary and doe also have it unto you to appoint there sallary, desiringe you to husband all for the good of the Companie. As touchinge the turffe, you may perceive by the writts enclosed that they were formerly taken out and had byn sooner sent if the Companie had not byn disappointed of theire expectation. For the shirts and sutes for the Scotts, the Companie will take speedie course for the clothinge of them forthwith. And whereas you write you are busily about satisfyinge the landes cut at Denver, Sutton and Mepall and that you proceede leizurely in it, to which the Companie say that when they were in the Country Mr Burton did undertake to finde out what this land was worth in 5 to and 6 to caroli. If that bee done the Companie expect hee should certifie the same unto

them and take some of the workemen that can depose the true value it was worth at that tyme and sett theire handes to it. If that bee not done, the Companie expecte hee should certifie the same. Unto then hee is to doe it accordinge to his owne undertakinge at Downham and to proceede with the contracte with all possible speede. Touching such as have byn apprehended and brought before the Justice of the Peace and sent to the gaole as in case of felony, the Companie doe not conceive it fitt that they bee indited as felons because if they bee once indited the Companie can bring no action against them, and therefore that spetiall care bee taken to have their confessions sett downe in writing. And as to the last part being a receipt of £13.00.00 of money for the receipt of the receptacle, the Companie thinke fitt it should bee paid to the expenditor, and whereas the Companie understand that Mr Woodfall was to lett out all the Adventurers landes on the north of Bedford River, and they were enformed hee hath received severall sums of money, it is ordered that Mr Tench, clarke comptroller, examyn his accounts and certifie the Companie how hee findes the same. I have sent you here enclosed a copie of the agreement between the north side of Wisbech and the Companie. I have also sent you enclosed a letter agreed on Monday last touching Christiannes proposition.

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| 09/01/52 | 1 | [Page 165] Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Mr Thurloe, Mr Culpeper, Mr William Weston, Mr North, Mr Allyen, Mr Fountayne |
| 09/01/52 | 2 | Ordered that the daie of sale of all defaulters landes in payinge in the last tax of 15d an acre is not to bee untill Mondaie come fortnight next to all intents and purposes as it should have byn this day |
| 09/01/52 | 3 | Whereas there are severall Scotch prisoners that are destitute of shirts, sutes and stockings and are now imployed on the workes, it is ordered that 256 shirts bee forthwith bought and 128 sutes and stockings provided at the charged of the Companie. And it is further ordered that Mr Henley and Mr Thurloe, or any one of them, be desired signe the particular bills that shall bee bought In touchinge the premisses whereupon Mr Jessop receiver of the Companie, or in his absence, Mr Dalton forthwith to paie the respective bills |
| 09/01/52 | 4 | Whereas the Companie tooke into consideration the necessity of havinge a solicitor and Mr Browne formely nominated but noe sallary as yet settled upon him, it is now ordered that hee shall have an allowance of twenty poundes paid from the Company to comence from the tyme hee first entered upon the said imployment. And hee is to pursue such direction as hee shall from tyme to tyme receive from the Company |
| 09/01/52 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Say bee desired to speake with Sir Arthur Hasellrigge touchinge the 500 Scotch prisoners now att Durham and to desire him to give warrant to Mr Walker, one of the members of the Companie, who is desired to take the paines to goe downe to Durham to have them delivered at Lynne for the service of the Companie, in which imployment the Company desire him to follow the same course as hee did in the choice of the prisoners at Yorke |
| 09/01/52 | 6 | That the clarke of the Companie forthwith repayre to the secretary of the Councell of State and take out the order of the Councell for the Scottish prisoners at Durham to bee imployed in the works and to deliver it to Mr Say. |
| 09/01/52 | 7 | Ordered that my Lord St John, or whome his Lordshipp shall name, shall have power to choose twenty Scotch prisoners out of the number of those that lately come from Yorke to bee imployed by himselfe in his owne particular affayres as his owne servants and accordingly to provide for them clothes and otherwise, and his Lordshipp |

likewise to paie to the Company so much money as it cost them to bring the said twenty prisoners from Yorke to Peterborough. And his Lordshipp is hereby desired to give order that a certificate bee made to the councell concerning the said prisoners in such manner as the Companie are obliged to doe.

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| 12/01/52 | 1 | [Page 166] Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Gorges, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr Browne |
| 12/01/52 | 2 | <p>Ordered that a letter bee sent to Colonell Thomas Castell as followeth -Sir I am commanded by the Companie of Adventurers to signifie unto you that they have complied with the desire of the Isle of Elie and have procured an order under the Lieutenant Generall and have directed to Captain Foogall, one of the Captains named in your letter, for removal of his companie to Ramsey, Woodwalton and the parts adjacent in the County of Huntington, there to quarter untill further order. The order is sent downe to Mr Hamond by Mr Walker, one of the members of the Companie</p> <p>And this was sent 15 Jan by the Scotch messenger</p> |
| 14/01/52 | 1 | Mr Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Alleyn, Mr Walker, Mr Trafford, Mr Browne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bradley, Mr North, Mr B Arthur |
| 14/01/52 | 2 | Whereas the Companie are informed that part of the Carr Dike bancke att Werrington is decayed and broken in so much as the water runs in a great streame through it, it is ordered that Mt John Turner of Eybury doe take care the repayre and amende the same. And where hee findes the said bancke too low, to take care that it bee heightened and otherwise amended where hee shall finde it necessary and the expendor (as in usuall cases), upon certificate made of the charge thereof, is forthwith to make payment accordingly. |
| 14/01/52 | 3 | <p>Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond of the 12 Jan instant, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth viz -</p> <p>Sir - The Companie received yours and as for the turffe they have writ to Cambridge to have Stephens arrested, and for future prevention of the like wronges, the Companie hope the letter from the Lieutenant Generall now sent by Mr Walker will bee effective. The Companie are glad to heare the justice done upon the Scotch prisoner. And for the rescous by the English dikers, they desire you to see them prosecuted effectively. And for Johnson, rather to have him confynned over to the next assizes than endite him at the County Sessions and the Companie shall before that tyme advise of a sound way for bringing him to consigned punishment. For stealers [Page 167] of planks, the Companie herewith sent you downe several writs for arrestinge of them and if you thinke fitt you may endite them also. The Companie wonder they have noe account from Kelsey of the number of Scotts that are run awaie in regard they are obliged once a month to give an account to the Councill of State. They desire great care may bee taken in the pursuinge and apprehendinge such as run aways. The Companie desire you to come to some speedy agreement with those through whose lands they have cutt and especially with those of Over and Mepall who are very clamourous here against the Companie.</p> |
| 14/01/52 | 4 | Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to pay unto Mr Walker one of the members of the Companie the sum of five poundes for the service of the Companie |
| 16/01/52 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr Carill, Mr Trafford, Mr Alleyn, Mr Herring |

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| 16/01/52 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Fountayne bee desired to make his report touching Mr Latch his demandes on Monday next |
| 19/01/52 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Browne, Mr William Weston, Mr Thurloe, Mr North, Colonell Underwood, Mr Fountayhe, Mr Gorges, Mr Carill, Mr Culpeper |
| 19/01/52 | 2 | Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Jessop from Lynne touching the reference about the backe floores, it is ordered that answer bee sent unto him as followeth, together with instructions enclosed as also follows. |

Sir - the Companie heard your letter read over this day and they have inclosed, sent you some instructions touching the refference for backefloores which they have pickt out of their owne orders. And for any further instructions, they desire you to conferr with Mr Hamond who hath received severall letters from the Companie touchinge the same. And if you finde any further matters, to represent it to the Company before you conclude, however, they cannot but conceive themselves and all parties bound and lynyed up by the contracts

Instructions for Mr Jessop touchinge the refference to the back floores

1 - That noe entrance may bee made in the busines as touchinge any backe floores but where the takers had bottomed the river before the refference

[Page 168] 2 - That the Company orders may bee observed and that the Companie may not bee bound by any contractes but what was in writinge and made by such as had authority to make the same and entered with their officers, and that no additionall contracte must binde the Companie unles warranted by their orders. As this was not the consequence hereof is that the first contracte in writinge conteyned noe allowance for back floores but the takers, beinge obliged to make the river and bancke certaine dimensions and proportions, are to see it made good without this allowance

3 That the Companie must not by any meanes be involved to debate the busines with the workemen (with whome they made noe contractes) but with the takers, which takers are to satisfye the workemen according to their contractes with them and yet must make good their contracte with the Companie

4 That the price which the Companie was to paie by the originall contracte in writinge and must paie the takers is sufficient to make a river and banke of the proportions agreed thereby to bee made, but if not yet the takers must run the hazard of losse as well as gaine.

5 That the takers in severall other workes, eyther by craft or rather by collusion with Burton, have made bargaines of great advantage to themselves and losse to the Companie as in the 30 and 40 foote dreyne called Vermuydens Eau and other workes and if there should be equity against the Companie, where the takers have a hard bargain, then the like equitye should be for the Companie against all the takers who have taken worke from Burton at one rate and let it out againe presently at farre lesse rate and never done anythinge in it themselves but gotten some tyme five shliinges or ten shillinges a rod or more or lesse. And it were no amisse to examyn how much the under workemen have had upon the south bancke of Bedford River, for it is very probable that they have not had so much as the Companie have paid already, but the takers have taken the Companies money and sett the workemen to mutiny.

- 19/01/52 3 Upon report of Mr Fountayne made upon the order of refference to him and others of the Company, as also in pursuance of the order of the 11th of September 1650, it is ordered that Mr Latch shall have allowed and paid unto him by the receivor of the Company the sum of £100 in manner followinge, that is to say fiftie poundes in hand and fiftie poundes more out of the arreres of £600 after Mr Henley is satisfied.
- 19/01/52 4 Ordered that Sir Thomas Hampson, Sir Henry Henne and Sir David Watkins are to have notice to meete the Company on Friday next at 3 a clocke in the afternoone to heare the report of Mr Fountayne touchinge theire demands upon the petition or remonstrance of the said Sir David Watkins
- 19/01/52 5 Ordered that a letter bee sent unto Mr Hamond in answer to his letter of the 19th instant as followeth - Sir yours of the 19th instant was yesterday reade out to the Companie and, thereupon, they comanded mee to retorne you this answer, first as to the towne of Denver, they desire you to conferre with the person and patron and the provide a revenue eyther by land or otherwise to bee settled upon the church for the benefitt of the present incumbent and his **[Page 169]** successor forever, and as touchinge minors and infants they desire Mr Hamond to take care and provide good collaterall securitye, both for the infants and the husbands in the right of their wives and else theire wives to levy a fyne. As for Over and Sutton they are glad to heare you are in treaty with them and desire you to perfecte it. As to the runninge away of the Scotts, the Companie say they feare there hath not byn that care used in keepinge of them nor in pursuing after them when they are run away as should have byn, and for preventing theire running away for the future, they shall take what care they can here about by obteyninge further orders from the Parliament and Councill. In the meanetyme, they thinke the best way to make them all engage one to another as you propose, but they thinke it not fitt to remove them from the hard worke but to encrease their wages the more to encourage them to goe on. The Companie as to Johnson had thought to have move the Generall to have him tryed at a Court of Warre for his life but seeing the course of robust justice hath taken place, they will forbear the course, yet the busines beinge of so great weight they have not resolved what further course to hath concerninge him. Sir the Companie, not having any news of bottominge of the new river, which should have byn done ere this, they desire you to send a man on purpose of thither to take a view thereof and give the Companie an account how much is yet to doe and in what places. The messenger is sent away hence the sooner that so the Companie may have certaine intelligence hereof by his next retorne. And this beinge all at present.
- The letter was sent by the Scotch messenger about 9 a clocke in for fore noone.
- 19/01/52 6 Ordered that the clarke write a letter to Mr Moore the surveyour to desire him to send up forthwith a plott or perticular of 500 acres in Stony Fen and Blocke Fenne, mentioned in the 1st lott and perticularly to send up word how the 100 acres which Mr Wakefield claymes is lockspitted out.
- This was sent by the Scotch messenger 22 Jan instante about 9 a clocke in the fore noone.
- 23/01/52 1 Mr North, Mr Gale, Mr N. Weston, Mr Fountayne, Mr Bradley, Mr Carill, Mr Neale, Mr Latch, Mr Alleyn, Mr Henley
- 23/01/52 2 Memorand this this daie sennight is appointed to heare the report touchinge the demands of Sir David Watkins, Sir Heny Herne and Sir Thomas Hampson against which tyme all parties, therein concerned, are to have notice. And Mr Turner on the behalfe of the said Mr Thomas Hampson hath promised to give him notice.

23/01/52	3	Memorand to know the reason why the sluice at Swavesy is not sett downe accordinge to the order and direction of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden.
23/01/52	4	[Page 170] Upon motion on the behalfe of Mr Stephens, touchinge a surplusage of money upon 200 acres on the 16th lott to bee restored to him in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, in regard Mr Jessop is out of towne and hath the papers of arreres in his custodie, it is thought fitt and now ordered that, at his cominge up to towne and upon perusall of the said paper, the Companie will make an order accordingly
23/01/52	5	Memorand to know of Mr Hamond by what orders the dam at Erith was stopt and if hee knowes of any such order, to send up a copie thereof forthwith up to the Companie
26/01/52	1	Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Carill, Mr North, Mr Gorges, Mr Alderman Underwood, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne
26/01/52	3	Ordered that Sir Thomas Gardener, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Adams, Mr Carill, or any three of them, are desired to consider a draft or forme of assurance by which the Earl of Bedford and the three other trustees named in the Acte of Parliament may bee enabled to assure to every Adventurers his respective proportion of the land in the Great Levell of the Fennes.
26/01/52	4	Ordered that this daie of sale of all defaulters landes in payinge the last tax of 15d an acre is not to be untill this day sennight next to all intents and purposes as it should have byn this daie
26/01/52	5	Ordered that all the lotts belonginge to the Companie and now are undivided, forthwith and without delay bee severed and divided from the Country, as also every lott one from another, according to the Companies direction upon the 10th October last and Mr Moore the surveyour together with assistance of Mr Burton is to see this order executed
26/01/52	6	Ordered that a copie of the subdivision of the 1000 acres part of the 8th lott into two moyties of 500 acres bee, by the clark of the Company, delivered unto Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Naylor, together with the copie of the order of the Companie of the 2nd January last, whereupon they are desired to shew cause on Monday next why they doe not consent to draw lotts for the same in regard it is conceived to bee equally and indifferently divided and approved by the Companie
26/01/52	7	Ordered that the clark retyne Mr Latch of councell for the Companie and give him £40 for his fee and tomorrow to attend him and desire him to draw up the forme of assurance whereby the 4 trustees may bee enabled to convey the severall and respective proportions of land to every Adventurer in the Great Levell of the Fennes in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament.
28/01/52	1	[Page 171] Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr Forster, Mr Weston, Mr Gorges, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr Carill, Mr Wakefield
28/01/52	2	Ordered that the clark write a letter to Mr Woodfall as followeth Mr Woodfall - The Companie would have you forthwith send up word what money you have at any tyme received for the lettinge out of all Adventurers landes on the

northside of Bedford River and at what quantity of land you have lett out and to whome and what money is remayninge due and not received. And of this they desire you forthwith to give them account.

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| 28/01/52 | 3 | <p>Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond the 26th instant, it is ordered that an answer of bee sent unto him as followeth:</p> <p>Sir - Yours of the 26 instant was received and read over to the Companie and they comanded mee to retorne you this answer. And 1st touchinge your advertizement from Ramsey and touching such as stands out and will answer the action, the Companie will give order to theire sollicitor forthwith to goe to speedy tryall att Westminster, and for such as doe submitt, they are not satisfied that halfe of the turffe is a sufficient recompence for any man whose land is damnified by the cutting thereof, nor indeed the whole, yet if they will restore the value of the whole turffe or the turffe in kinde, are willinge to remitt the other damage. As to the bottominge of the new river, the Companie desire all possible expendition may bee used therein. For the Scotch prisoner whose feete begin to rott, the Company know not what course to take at present but doe referre it unto yourselfe to take what care you can to preserve the man if possible, eyther by sendinge him to Cambridge, London or otherwise. And as to the last parte of your letter, the Companie doe very well approve of what you have done in lesseninge the wages of the overseers.</p> |
| 30/01/52 | 1 | Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Gale, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Mr William Weston, Mr John Russell, Mr Browne |
| 30/01/52 | 2 | <p>Upon information of Mr Turner that Sir Thomas Hampson was farr remote from the towne and could not meete this day in pursuance of the order of the [Page 172] Companie, it is ordered that this daie sennight be appointed a daie to heare the report touching the busines of Sir David Watkins, Sir Henry Fenn and Sir Thomas Hampson.</p> |
| 30/01/52 | 3 | <p>Whereas Mr Jenkins of Cambridge did this day appeare before the Companie demandinge 200 nobles an acre for 2 acres of thereabouts of his land in Sutton, which he alledged was cut through and prejudiced in order to the workes, and for as much as the Companie have noe knowledge of his deedes, what estate hee hath in the said land, and beinge now demanded what tithe hee had to the same, answered it was not yet demanded of him, whereupon it was thought fitt that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to know the reason of it and upon his answer the Companie will make further orders therein.</p> |
| 30/01/52 | 4 | Memorand that Mr Dudley Pape of the Inner Temple bee hereafter retayned of councell for the Companie to consider drafts of assurrances for landes cut through. |
| 30/01/52 | 5 | <p>Ordered that as soone as Mr Jessop comes to towne, hee bee desired to draw up a perticular abstracte of all the money hath byn expended and paid for cutting through the landes in order to the dreyning the Great Levell of the Fennes and what security hath byn taken for the same.</p> |
| 02/02/52 | 1 | Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Colonell Underwood, Maior Alex Blake, Collonell Robert Castell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Naylor, Mr Fountayne, Mr North, Mr Trafford, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Weston, Mr Spalding |
| 02/02/52 | 2 | <p>Ordered that the daie of sale of all defaulters landes in payinge in the last tax of 15d an acre is not to bee untill this day sennight next to all intents and purposed as it should have byn this daie.</p> |

02/02/52	3	Whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuyden moved the Companie that it was of great necessity to have a sasse sett downe of nere Sutton Gault, upon some debate thereof, it was put to the question whether a sasse, sluice or tonnell should bee set there and of what breadth, it is ordered that a sasse of 3 dores bee sett and layd in or nere the said Sutton Gault and of the breadth of 10 foote, and further ordered that the 20 foote dreyne from the said sasse be made through the old dreyne to fall in below the old Owse.
02/02/52	4	[Page 173] Ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Colonell Castell, William Crane or any two of them are desired to heare and examyn the matter of facte and the difference dependinge between Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the severall workemen and Mr Latch and report the same to the Companie to the intent they may bee the better instructed to enforme the Companie the truth of the case at their next meetinge in the Middle Temple Hall.
02/02/52	5	Ordered that Mr Naylor shall have liberty to equally and indifferently subdivide the 2d moytice of 2000 acres of the 8th lott into two parts and shall have time untill Wednesdaie next and then to bring to the Companie an equall division thereof, which hee doth consent to accordingly.
04/02/52	1	Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Sir Edward Partherich, Colonell Jones, Mr Carill, Mr Trafford, Mr Fountayne, Mr William Weston, Mr Bradley, Mr North, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Hampson, Mr John Russell, Mr Spaldinge, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gale
04/02/52	2	Whereas Mr Thomas Robson did, in pursuance of a letter sent unto him on the behalfe of the Companie, seize upon 30000 of turffe which was lately cutt up on Adventurers lande and brought to Cambridge, it is ordered that the said Thomas Robson and all other person or persons that shall doe anythinge in prosecution towards the recovery of the said turffe shall bee indemnified and saved harme from the Companie
04/02/52	3	Whereas the Companie have often tyme directed that all the division dikes on the north side of Bedford River should bee forthwith perfected and finished but findinge the same hath byn very much delayed, it is againe thought fitt and ordered that all the division dikes on the north side of Bedford River bee speedily taken in hand and finished and Mr Moore and Mr Walker to whose care it is now recommended are desired to see the same done accordingly. And the clarke is from tyme to tyme to initiate by letters to Mr Hamond.
04/02/52	4	Ordered that Mr Thurloe bee desired to goe along with Colonell Castell to the Lieutenant Generall Fleetewood to procure some order for the removall of the number of soldyers that are now quartered in or nere Haddenham to be quartered at innes and victualling howses and not in private howses which is a burden to the Country.
04/02/52	5	Upon reading of a letter to Mr Hamond, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth Sir - I received yours of 3rd February from Wilburton, together with the papers enclosed, which were read over yesterdaie and to that part thereof which concernes the [Page 174] bottoming of the new river and the difference of opinion between Mr Burton and Mr Welsh, the Companie doe agree with Sr Cornelius direction and by noe means doe consent to the cutting of the north bancke of Bedford River and therefore approve of your direccion the other way. And as to the papers enclosed, as well the information against Billingham for entising away the Scotch prisoners as the other

two petitions, the Companie are not agreed what course to take but they intend some speedy course, and for the present they are resolved to lett them suffer. I am comanded in every letter I write unto you to put you in mynde what hath byn formerly directed to bee done, that is say the perfectinge of the division dikes and the lott divisions one from another as they were yesterdaie informed have byn very much delayed and therefore they desire you would hasten the doinge thereof. I have sent downe, here enclosed, a copie of the order for the doinge of the division dikes, the other is sent downe to Mr Moore and you are desired to conferre with Mr Moore and Mr Walker, to whose care it is recommended, that they would eyther see the same done accordingly or some deputie under them for the speedy and effectuall doinge thereof in regard it is of so great concerne to the whole Companie. This beinge all at present I rest.

Which was then sent by the Scotch messenger

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| 06/02/52 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carill, Mr Neale, Mr Robery Henley |
| 06/02/52 | 2 | In regard Mr Naylor, who had in favour to him tyme given him untill Wednesday last to bringe in an equall subdivision of the 2000 acres, beinge the 2nd part of the 8th lott, hath not done it hither to, and in regard William Battison now present doth testifye to the Companie that the said Mr Naylor did formely agree to the subdivision and castinge lotts for the same, and lotts were accordingly thereupon cast, the Companie are of the opinion that hee ought to stand to that subdivision and lott and take his 200 acres in that 1000 acres which fell by lott to him, Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Cardrow, and doe order the said subdivision shall stand, and for the settinge out of the said 200 acres indifferently between him Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Cardrow, the said Sir Thomas Hampson, havinge 300 acres therein and Mr Cardrow the other 400 acres, the Company havinge formerly appointed the same bee divided into 2 equall parts, doe order that the same bee shewed to Sir Thomas Hampson and Mr Naylor, and if they shall not within a weeke next ensuinge shew some good reason against the said division and why lotts should not bee drawne for the same, the Companie will appointe some other to draw [Page 175] one of the said lotts for the said Sir Thomas Hampson and not Mr Naylor, in regard Mr Cardrow presseth to have his 500 acres to bee divided and it is necessary for the Companie to know to what land to report for laying of taxes. |
| 09/02/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr John Russell, Mr Latch, Sir William Crane, Colonell Underwood, Colonell Castell, Mr Carill, Mr Forster, Mr Alleyn, Mr Fountayne, Mr B Arthur, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Gorges, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Neale, Sir Edward Parthrich, Mr Hampson |
| 09/02/52 | 2 | Ordered that the day of sale of all defaulters landes in payinge in the tax of 15d an acre is not to bee untill Monday next and then, to all intents and purposes as it should have byn this day. |
| 09/02/52 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe and Mr Carill bee desired by the sollicitor of the Companie to consider of what councill are fitt to be reteyned against the next meeting of the Companie, and likewise the sollicitor is to give the said councill notice of the daie of their meetinge. |
| 09/02/52 | 4 | The petition of diverse gent, master workemen and poor labourers in the Great Levell, delivered in this daie by Captain Lane, was read over to the Companie. Upon some debate thereupon, the Companie did conceive that they could not retorne the petition an answer thereunto untill they had spoken to Lieutenant Francis Underwood who was expected to bee in towne on Satterday next. |

- 09/02/52 5 Ordered that Mr Carill bee added to Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Colonell Castell and Mr William Crane, the committee named in the order of the 2nd February last, and they, or any two of them, are desired to meete and take into consideration severall orders that have byn made at St Ives, Peterburgh or elsewhere touchinge the matter of facte between Mr Latch and the severall workemen and labourers to the ende they may bee enformed by the Comissioners the truth of the case at their next meetinge without entering into any long debate touchinge the same.
- 09/02/52 6 Ordered that the committee of the comptroll bee desired to consider of the preservation of navigation in the severall rivers named in the Acte of Parliament and especially in the Great River Owse, and that they consider whether that the sasse by order appointed to bee sett downe in or nere Sutton Gault is fitt to bee sett there or the making thereof suspended, and accordingly the Companie doe desire they would make forthwith some order therein and meete tomorrow in the afternoone.
- [Page 176]** Committee of Comptroll present - Earl Of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Hamond`
- 09/02/52 7 Whereas there was an order of the Companie made the 2nd of February last for the setting of a sasse in or nere Sutton Gault, the setting thereof was by an order of the nynth instant referred to the consideration of those of the comptroll, in pursuance whereof wee whose names are here underwritten members of the comptroll, upon consideration of the busines, have thought fitt and hereby ordered that the makinge of the said sasse bee suspended untill further order herein, and that a copie of this order bee sent to Mr Burton.
- William Bedford
Richard Gorges
Edward Partherich
Anthony Hamond
Robert Castell
- 11/02/52 1 Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr North, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Hamond, Major Blake, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Trafford, Mr Fountayne, Mr Gale, Mr Wakefield, Mr William Weston, Mr Allyen, Mr Carill, Mr Alex Jones, Mr Bradley
- 11/02/52 2 For as much as the speedy perfectinge of the new river doth very much concern the Companie, it was propounded in order thereunto that the north bancke of the Bedford River may bee opened at or below Welnea in one or two places thereof, that the water may issue that way by a tonnell into Bedford River. Upon some debate touchinge the same, it was at length resolved that one tonnell shall be layed in the north bank of the Bedford River at or below Welmore of 3 foote broad 2 foote high and 40 foote long and another tonnell of the same breadth height and length shall bee sett below this tonnill towards Salters Loade if Sir Cornelius Vermuden and Mr Hamond shall thinke it necessary. And Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to take espetiall care that these two tonnells bee made so sufficient as they may in noe way prejudice the Levell on the north side of Bedford River in case a sodaine flood should come downe

11/02/52	3	[Page 177] Whereas the Adventurers doe conceive they are very much prejudiced for want of the perfectinge of the division dikes in the north side of Bedford River, in regard Mr Burton alone hath the sole power and authority to lett out and contracte for the same, it is now thought fitt and hereby ordered that Mr Walker bee desired to take some care herein and Mr Burton, together with Mr Moore and Mr Palmer, shall have power, and are hereby jointly and, finally from tyme to tyme, authorized to lett out and take up the same division dikes. And it is further ordered that if any Adventurer hath a mynde to make his owne division dike, hee shall have the powere to set men on worke to doe the same and shall have the usuall rate or price allowed him from the Companie.
11/02/52	4	Ordered that Mr Jessop doth forthwith pay unto Mr Jenkinson of Cambridge the some of fower poundes three shillings and fower pence being at the rate of 20 nobles an acre for 2 acres and twenty perches of land in Sutton lately cutt through and prejudiced in order to the dreyninge of the levell, and in case hee cannot make it appear to Mr Spalding of Cambridge that he hath good tithe to the said land, wherein Mr Spalding may bee satisfied by the 10th March next, and in case hee shall not also make a sufficient assurance of the said landes unto the 4 trustees to the use of the Companie before the middle of next terme if hee be required, it is agreed, and Colonell Robert Castell, now present, doth undertake and engage with himselfe to see the said £14:03:04 repaid to the Companie
13/02/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Thurloe, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Forster, Mr Hampson, Mr Trafford, Mr Gale, Mr Crane, Mr Hamond, Mr North, Mr Bradely, William Weston, Mr Browne
13/02/52	2	Ordered that the 156 shirtes and 128 sute and stockings, now provided by Mr Henley for the Scotts employed on the workes in pursuance of an order of the 9th of Jan last, bee forthwith sent downe to Mr John Crane of Cambridge and from there to Mr Hamond att Wilburton who is desired to dispose them of as hee shall see cause
13/02/52	3	Ordered that Mr Say bee desired to speake to Colonell Walton and desire him to meete the Company on Monday next touchinge the cutt that is made through Dowsedale banck to dreyne Porland.
13/02/52	4	Memorand that Sir Thomas Hampson, Sir Henry Herne, Sir David Watkins and Mr Latch bee summonsed to meete the Companie on Monday next, which tyme the report that concernes them is to bee read over.
13/02/52	5	[Page 178] Whereas the Company, takinge into consideration the speedy progres of the worke on the south side of Bedford River in order to the dreyninge that part of the Great Levell of the Fennes, as well as the north side of Bedford River for effectinge whereof, there will bee of necessity required a present supply of money, and therefore it is thought fitt and agreed and hereby ordered that 2 15 d taxes bee sett and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres in the Acte of Parliament, mentioned, as well upon the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres mentioned in the said Acte lately assigned to Benjamyn Weston Esquire his heires and assigned, and the said taxes are sett and imposed accordingly and are hereby ordered to bee paid to the officers of the treasury unto the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge att Mr Henleys howse without Temple Barr in the parish of Clements and in the county of Middlesex in manner followinge viz - 15d for every acre thereof, respectively, on or before the 25th day of March next ensuinge, and the other tax of 15d an acre for every acre thereof, respectively, on or before the 26th of Aprill next ensuinge untill the said too severall taxes of 15d an acre and every part thereof bee

fully satisfied and paid, and in default payment of the first tax of 15d an acre, payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold on the 14th day of Aprill next or at any other subsequent meeting of the Company, and in default of payment of the other tax of 15d an acre or any part thereof payable, as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold at or upon the 14th day of May next or at any other meeting of 5 or more of the Adventurers and Participants at the place aforesaid.

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| 13/02/52 | 6 | Ordered that Mr Thurloe bee desired to call upon the inhabitants of the northside of Wisbech for the sum of £1500 or thereabouts which is due to the Companie from them |
| 13/02/52 | 7 | Memorand that on Wednesdaie next Lieutenantt Colonell Francis Underwood be desired to meete the Companie |
| 13/02/52 | 8 | Whereas Mr Best delivered in a petition this daie to the Company touchinge some damage which hee susteyned by reason of certaine tymber that lay in Downham Parke to his prejudice, upon debate thereof, it is ordered that the receivor of the Company doe forthwith paie unto the said Mr Best the sum of twenty nobles for his damage and prejudice done unto him as aforesaid |
| 16/02/52 | 1 | Mr Hamond, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bridges, Mr William Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Browne, Mr Alleyn, Colonell Underwood, Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Hampson, Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Weston, Colonell Walton, Mr North, Mr Trafford |
| 16/02/52 | 2 | [Page 179] Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration the great prejudice that is done unto them by the cuttinge of turffe in Adventurers land, it is moved that the Commissioners named in the Acte of Parliament might be petitioned to assigne others land to the Company in lieu of such land as is cutt and prejudiced by the Country. It is therefore ordered that Mr Thurloe and Mr Latch bee desired to draw up a petition for the purpose aforesaid to be presented to the Commissioners att their next meetinge. |
| 16/02/52 | 3 | Memorand that Mr Say and Mr Trenchard attend the Commissioners to desire they would assign two or more howers on Thursday next for hearing of the Company, touchinge the prejudice done unto them by the cuttinge of turffe and touchinge other matters. |
| 16/02/52 | 4 | A petition or submission of some inhabitantes of the towne of Ramsey acknowledginge thereof the cutting of turffe in the Adventurers partes were read over to the Companie whereupon they directe this answer viz -

That if the inhabitants would eyther present the Lords of the Mannor or their neighbours to send the Commission to assign other land in quantity and quallity in lieu of that cutt into turffe pits, the Companie will release their action against them, otherwise not if they refuse to doe this the Companie doubt not the Commissioners will doe it of themselves |
| 16/02/52 | 5 | The Companie entred into some debate with Colonell Walton touchinge the banke cutt at Crowland through Dowsdale bancke to dreyne Porland, as the Companie were informed, whereupon hee said hee had noe intention to dreyne Porland but reserves it for accomodation of fish and fowle and no way to prejudice the levell by letting in any water. |

16/02/52	6	<p>Upon reading the certificate of the Committee touching Mr Thomas Hampson, Sir Henry Henne, Sir David Watkins and Mr Latch, a question was put to whether yea or noe an agreement was made betweene them for the severall proportions of land hereafter followinge, according as the same are sett downe in the said certificate viz -</p> <p>Colonell Underwood and others - 571 1/2 acres Sir Thomas Hampson - 352 acres Sir David Watkins - 157 acres Sir Henry Henne - 229 acres</p> <p>It was resolved in the affirmative</p>
16/02/52	7	<p>Another question was put to whome the 690 acres 20 residue should goe. It was resolved to Mr Woolfe and Mr Longe, that paid the taxes formerly, and they are forthwith to pay this last tax and repay all former taxes which they paid for the said lande, discountinge £57 payable by Sir Henry Henne unto Mr Latch, and it is the Companies opinion that Mr Robert Hampson forthwith to make a conveyance accordingly.</p>
18/02/52	1	<p>Mr Alderman Henley, Mr North, Mr Latch, Mr Hamond, Mr William Crane, Mr Browne, Mr William Weston, Mr Thurloe, Mr Alleyn, Mr Wakefield, Mr Spaldinge, Mr Trenchard, Mr Neale, Mr Drewey, Colonell Underwood, Major Blake, Mr Culpeper</p>
18/02/52	2	<p>[Page 180] Ordered that Mr Jessop doe forthwith paie unto Mr Thomas Browne solicitor to the Companie the sum of nyne poundes to retayne councill against tomorrow, and that Mr Attorney Generall, Mr Attorney Hall and Mr Sargeant Barnard to be retayned to bee then at the meetinge of the Commission in the Middle Temple Hall</p>
18/02/52	3	<p>Ordered that Mr Browne, solicitor to the Companie, doe forthwith take out writts against any such person or persons as have stolen planckes, whose names are sent up by Mr Hamond.</p>
18/02/52	4	<p>Ordered that Captain Lane on the behalfe of the workmen shall have a copie of the deed entred into the booke of entries concerninge the 1st lott and Mr Latch shall have the like (if hee requires the same)</p>
18/02/52	5	<p>A draft of the petition drawne by Mr Thurloe and Mr Latch touching the cuttinge of turffe, accordinge to a former order, was reade over this daie to the Companie and was ageed and assented unto and ordered forthwith to be engrossed and to bee presented unto the Commissioners and named in the Acte of Parliament at their meetinge in the Middle Temple Hall tomorrow in the afternoone, and three copies thereof to be written out to instructe councill.</p>
18/02/52	6	<p>Upon reading a petition delivered this day in the name of diverse gent, master workemen and poore labourers in the Great Levell in the year 1641, it is ordered that the clarke doe give his attendance before the Commissioners tomorrow in the afternoone with all deedes, evidences, writinges and orders touching or concerninge the first lott.</p>
18/02/52	7	<p>Ordered that Mr Thurloe, Mr Hamond, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne and Mr Say, or any one of them, bee desired to dispense with some tyme to instructe councill and bee present with the Commission at their meetinge tomorrow in the Middle Temple Hall touching the state of the busines of the first lott and other matters there depending touching the Companie.</p>

- 18/02/52 8 Ordered that the 500 acres in or above Holme Fenne, now in the hands of the Company, formerly moved to be sold shall not be sold but preserved and kept for the public use and service of the Company unless it be in the presence of twenty real Adventurers and not such as are only entrusted for others
- 18/02/52 9 **[Page 181]** Memorandum. This day, Mr Smiths trunk was opened by order of the Company and in their presence, and Mr Latch his deede which concerns the first lott was only taken out and afterwards the same was in the presence of the Company sealed and repayed by Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard.
- 18/02/52 10 Upon reading of a letter from Mr Moore of the 16th of February instant it is ordered that an answer be sent unto him as followeth
- The Company will not entertaine any new officers nor paie any old officers but only such as are employed by the orders of the Company
- 18/02/52 11 Memorandum this day and yeare, above written, it is agreed by and between Mr John Trafford and Mr William Crane Esquires that the said William Crane shall have 200 acres out of the Hockwold and Wilton and in Reades Fenne in Hilgay being his, the said John Traffords, proportion of land in the 9th lott, and the said John Trafford shall have in lieu thereof 135 acre out of Great Bynn moore and 115 acres out of Sutton in Holland, part of his the said William Cranes proportion of Adventurers land in the 16th lott, witnessed their hands the day and yeare above written
- John Crane
John Trafford
- 19/02/52 1 Mr Alderman Henley, Mr William Underwood, Mr Thurloe, Mr Hamond, Mr Bridges, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr North, Mr William Weston, Sir Edward Partherich
- 19/02/52 2 Whereas by the articles made and agreed the 25th day of January 1649 between the Company of Adventurers and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden upon his undertaking to be director of the workes of dreyninge, it was agreed that the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden should observe such directions as hee from tyme to tyme should receive from William Earl of Bedford, Oliver St John Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Sir Myles Sandys knight and Baronett Sir Edward Partherich, Richard Gorges Esquire, Robert Henley Esquire, Anthony Hamond Esquire, John Latch Esquire and Robert Castell Esquire of any five of them, and whereas the said Sir Myles Sandys by reason of many occasions of his owne, cannot attend the said service, It was this day agreed between the Company and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that Gregory Gawsell Esquire shall have the same power to order and directe in all things covering the said dreyning as the said Sir Myles Sandys had by the said **[Page 182]** Articles of Agreement and shall be to all purposes one of the comptroll within the same Articles in writing whereof, as will the Adventurers here present, as the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden respectively had set their hands in the 19th February
- Robert Henley
Edward Partherich
Antony Hamond
Francis Underwood
John Bridges
John Thurloe
Cornelius Vermuyden

20/02/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Gorges, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Thurloe, Alderman Underwood, Mr Allyen, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Bridges, Mr Hamond, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr North, Mr William Crane. Mr Drewry, Mr Neale, Lieutenat Colonell Underwood, Mr Fountayne
20/02/52	2	Ordered that Mr Moore the surveyour is to take spetiall care in the setting out and admeasuring of the Adventurers parts and proportions on the Great Levell of the Fennes according to Lyn Law and the Acte of Parliament, in which admeasurement, meares, lakes and pooles are not intended to bee any part thereof, and where hee shall finde any want of measure hee is to supply the same by takinge it out of such land as by the Law of St Ives is directed to bee taken, and where hee shall finde a surplusage of land hee is to leave it out.
20/02/52	3	Upon hearinge Mr Jessops report touchinge the account in the Country, it is ordered that Mr Say, Mr Alleyn, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane and Mr Latch, or any two of them, are desired to take the accounts now stated by Mr Jessop into consideration in generall and, in perticular, first touching the business of the backe floores and the difference betweene Mr Jessop and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood as touchinge the sallaryes of the sub expendor, and they are desired to report the state of the case to the Company with all convenient speede.
20/02/52	4	Ordered that severall bills of exchange now charged on Mr Jessop the receivor, amountinge to the sum of twelve hundred poundes, bee by him paid intyme as they grow due and are accepted.
20/02/52	5	Ordered that Mr Jessop the receivor bee taken into consideration as well for his trouble and paynes the last yeare and his paines and trouble in his last journey into the Fennes about statinge the accounts there [Page 183] this yeare, and the Companie doe consider of givinge him a suyteable reward and recompence.
20/02/52	6	Whereas Mr Fountayne this day did acquaint the Company that the inhabitants of the towne of Over did complayne there were not satisfyed for the prejudice they had susteyned by reason of their landes cutt through in order to the workes, to this the Companie made answer they had formerly made an order herein for recompence and satysfaction to bee given unto them accordingly, nevertheles it is further ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond and Mr Moore the surveyour who is to take care forthwith to survey the said landes and thereupon speedy satisfaction is to be made unto them.
23/02/52	1	Earle of Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr Hamond, Mr Phillips, Mr Spalding, Mr Neale, Mr Alex Jones, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Alderman Henley, Colonell Underwood, Mr Gorges, Mr Drewry, Mr Alleyn, Mr Browne
23/02/52	2	Motion was this daie made that Mr Jessop might bee desired to goe downe this vacation into the Country and there to put the accounts into a certaine method and appoint certaine bookes to bee kept for that purpose
23/02/52	3	Ordered that all such Scottish prisoners as are now employed in the workes of the Great Levell of the Fennes shall bee divided amongst the Companie Of Adventurers according to the twenty lotts or shares, and lotts are to bee drawne for them and it is further ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to take care to see there bee an equall and indifferent division made according to the aforesaid twenty lotts or shares

23/02/52	4	Ordered that every Adventurer that hath a mynde to exchange land with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, upon any alteration that shall bee made be made between them, the Companie will take care they shall not bee prejudiced.
23/02/52	5	Ordered that Mr Jessop or his servant doe constantly attend the Companie att their meetings and not to goe away untill they arise. And it is further ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to prepare a perticular abstracte of the accounts and deliver the same to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden whereby hee may perceive there is about the sum of £90000 expended for and towards the works of dreyning (besides the charge of officers sallaryes, purchase of the landes for conveyinge of dreyning, suytes in law and committee meetings) and in the Articles of Agreement is expressed
27/02/52	1	[Page 184] Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Crane, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley, Mr Neale, Mr Hampson, Mr Alleyn, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Drewry, Mr Hamond, Mr Trafford, Colonell Underwood
27/02/52	2	Ordered that the account drawne up by Mr Jessop for the 200 acres late the Earl of Arundel in the 16th lott and transferred to the late Earl to William Stephens Esquire, the receivor Mr Jessop doe forthwith pay to the said Mr Stephens Esquire as a surplusage out of the 1700 acres, paid by Colonell Underwood for the said 200 acres and for 800 acres late Sir Charles Harboards, the sum of one hundred and fortie poundes. And the said Mr Stephens receipt with this order shall bee to the said Mr Jessop a sufficient warrant and discharge.
27/02/52	3	Whereas a release under the hand and seale of William Lord Viscount Say was this day brought to the Companie by Mr Jessop upon pursute thereof, it is ordered that Mr Browne sollicitor, upon delivering up of the bond entered into, Mr Fyennes is to receive the said relief for the acte of the Companie.
27/02/52	4	<p>The inhabitants of Over did this day deliver in a paper on the behalfe of the towne as followeth.</p> <p>1 For the raising of the bancke and cutting the river and ditch within side, conteyning in all 50 acres, was of grownd work £20 every acre</p> <p>2 For the wash being 68 acres and one rod at the same rate</p> <p>3 For their damages in hinderinge their navigation to the towne whereby they conceive they are damnified at least £100 per annum</p> <p>4 For want of a bridge to passe to and from that towne to St Ives markett, and other places by reason thereof, they paie double floorage besides the great danger of casting men away in the water, their havinge great experience byn thereof lately had already</p> <p>5 It is their concerne that their said grownds now are not and nor never will be one penny the better for the dreyning thereof</p> <p>6 It is by reason of the stoppinge up of the ancient dreynes and in perticular the West Water they hath byn very much prejudiced heretofore</p> <p>Whereupon readinge whereof they were desired to withdraw, whereupon the Companie agreed upon an answer as followeth</p> <p>That if they doe conceive they are exempted out of the Acte of Parliament and not</p>

contributing towards **[Page 185]** dreyning, then the Companie doe not seem fitt to admitt of a treaty with them but if otherwise they doe, the Company desire Mr Hamond, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Drewry to treat with them and report the result of their discourse to the Companie forthwith.

Upon which, Mr Hamond made report they could not make any agreement with them at present

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| 27/02/52 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Hamond Ward, merchant, bee desired to attend Mr Latch of councell for the Companie to shew what little hee can make from 8 acres 2 rods 20 of land cutt through and prejudiced in order to the workes, and upon makinge a good assurance of the said land to the 4 trustees in the Acte of Parliament named, Mr Jessop the receivor of the Companie is forthwith to pay into him the sum of fiftie seven poundes agreed upon. |
| 27/02/52 | 6 | Ordered that Mr Moore the surveyour shall have liberty to come up to towne upon his owne perticular occasions (in regards it was enformed hee intended to carry downe his wife and children and take a howse in March and dwell there) so as the said Mr Moore returne again into the Fennes within fortnight of three weekes |
| 27/02/52 | 7 | Upon reading of Captain Lanes petition wherein hee desires his quarters sallary at the rate of twenty shillings a weeke, which hee alledged was due to him at Christmas last as an overseer of the workes, but in regard it appeared there was not so much due unto him, it is ordered that Mr Jessop the receivor doe forthwith paie unto the said Captain Lane the sum of six poundes in full of all the demands and former services done to the Companie which hee accepted of |
| 01/03/52 | 1 | Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Drewry, Mr Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Earl of Bedford, Lieutenany Colonell Underwood, Mr Browne, Alderman Underwood, Alex Jones, Mr Gorges, Mr Carill, Mr Fountayne, Captain North |
| 01/03/52 | 2 | Upon readinge the order of the Commissioners made on Saterdag last touchinge the first lott, a question was put whether the order of consent and agreement which Mr Latch made 23 July last may bee performed and effectual according to the Acte of Parliament. It was resolved in the affirmative. |
| 01/03/52 | 3 | [Page 186] Whereas 3600 acres in the first lott were this day exposed to sale in regard the Companie have not received any taxes for the same since the passage of the Acte of Parliament, now for as much as this day is appointed a day for sale of the said landes and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight, beinge then present, offered to give £6864.08.01 for the purchase thereof which beinge propounded and none offeringe more, the Companie, by virtue of and in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 3600 acres unto the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to have and to hold the said 3600 acres to him, his heires and assigned, provided that the said sum and every part thereof bee paid to the receivor of the Companie within a month after the daie of the date hereof, otherwise this order or contracte to bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum of £6864.08.01 in manner as aforesaid, hee, the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, shall have an assurance of the said 3600 acres from the Company made unto him and his heirs or unto such person or persons as he shall nominate and to his and their heires. |
| 03/03/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Drewrey, Mr Alleyn, Mr Fountayne, Mr North, Mr Gorges, Mr Bradley, Mr B.Weston, Mr William Crane, Mr John Russell, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Alderman Underwood, Mr Gale |

03/03/52	2	Whereas the honorable Benjamyn Weston Esquire this day acquainted the Company that in pursuance of severall orders of the 11 and 20th of June last, Mr Moore the surveyour had drawne up a perticular of the lands about Whittlesey belonginge to the right honorable the Earl of Portland and himselfe, which were cut through and prejudiced in order to the workes, and that the gent appointed to contracte the same had not offered nere to the value thereof, whereupon it is ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to know the reason thereof and what was offered for the same and to certifie to the Companie the truth thereof, whereupon such further order shall bee made therein as shall bee met.
03/03/52	3	A question was put whether workemen shall be paid £4500.22.10 out of £6864.08.01 purchase money agreed to be paid by Sir Cornlius Vermuyden for 3600 acres of Adventurers landes on the first lott. It was resolved in the affirmative.
03/03/52	4	[Page 187] Upon the petition of the workemen, the Companie, in consideration to them, are contended so farr to recede from their right that although the £6884.06.01 for which the 3600 acres in the first lott are sold will not satisfy the Companyes taxes which come to £4725, and the money due to the workemen, yet the Companie will give way that the £4500.11.00 shall bee paid to the workemen and upon the like desire of the workemen the Companie are content to lett Sir Cornelius Vermuyden who bought the said 3600 acres to pay the said workemen, and to the intent the workemen may bee really paid, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doth undertake that hee will before midsomer day next pay all the workemen the full sum of £4500.11.10 and free the Companie from any clamour of the workemen, and whatever of the said £4500.11.10 shall remayne by him then unpaid to the workemen, hee will pay at midsomer daie to the receivor of the Companie for the satisfaction of such workemen as remayne unpaid, and for security of his performance, herein, doth hereby agree that 1800 acres of his Adventurers landes to bee taken at the election of the Company shall remayne as a gage and pawne to the Companie and the £2353.16.03 to make up the £6864.08.01 to bee paid by the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the receivor of the Companie at the ende of a month according to the said order of sale.
03/03/52	5	Memorand that notwithstanding the preserving of the petition as touching the matter of turffe, the Companie doe declare that they are not to bee engaged to make satisfaction to every perticular Adventurer, but that satisfaction bee made from the Country and not from the Adventurers
03/03/52	6	Ordered that Mr Say, Mr Fountayne, Mr Alleyn, and the rest of the committee in the order of the 20th February last, bee desired to meete tomorrow in the afternoone to take into consideration the account lately stated by Mr Jessop, in perticular touchinge the busines of the backefloores and the sallaryes of the sub expeditors, and are also desired to make their report on Friday or Satterday next.
05/03/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Hampson, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Drewrey, Mr Alleyn
05/03/52	2	This day a letter signed by his Excellency Lord Generall Cromwell directed to the Company, delivered by the Earl of Bedford together with a copie of the petition of the towne of Over there inclosed, directed to the Parliament, were read over, whereupon the Companie doe desire the Earl of Bedford, Mr Say, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood and Mr Drewry or any three or more of them tomorrow to attend his Excellency the Lord Generall and in the name of the Companie

to give him thanks for his respecte and favours shewne unto them as also to satisfie his excellency and Major Generall Disbrow by way of answer to the said petition of the towne of Over.

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| 05/03/52 | 3 | [Page 188] Ordered that Mr Carill bee added to the committee named in the severall orders of the 20th of February and the third of March last and they are desired to meete some tyme tomorrow touchinge the account and the busines of the backfloores, as also the sallaryes of the sub-expenditors and to make their report on the Monday next at farthest |
| 05/03/52 | 4 | Ordered that Monday next bee a day appointed for the dale of defaulters landes in payinge in the last tax of 15d an acre due and payable the first of December last |
| 05/03/52 | 5 | Ordered that Roger Jenning shall have allowed and paid unto him by Mr Jessop the receiver of the Company the some of fiftie shillings for transcribing one of the mappes for the use of the Company |
| 05/03/52 | 6 | Motion was made that a petition may bee drawne and presented to the councell setting forth that whereas a petition at the last meetinge of the Commissioners was presented unto them for exchange of land and that thereupon in an order was unduly obteyned before the Companie were heard therein, whereupon it is ordered that a petition bee drawne accordingly and presented unto the Comissioners to prohibit the referrences from doinge anythinge upon the said order untill the Adventurers may bee heard in answer to the said petition |
| 08/03/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr William Weston, Mr Alderman Henley, Collonell Underwood, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Alleyn, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Tymothy Neale, Mr Hampson, Mr North, Mr Bradley |
| 08/03/52 | 2 | A draft of an assurance was this day tendered to the Companie by Mr Henley being of 463 acres, part of Holme Fenne, hee desired the same may bee conveyed to Colonell Sydney and his heires and that the said draft might bee referred to some members of the Companie, whether it bee an assurance fitt for the Companie to seale. It is ordered that the Committee that are to meet tomorrow bee desired to take the same into their consideration and certifie their opinion to the Companie |
| 08/03/52 | 3 | Memorand. Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is added to the committee formerly named in the order of the 5th of March last to attend his excellency the Lord Generall |
| 08/03/52 | 4 | Ordered that these words viz - (Mr Henley, Mr Fountayne and Mr Carill onely dissented) on the foote of the vote or resolve of the Company made the 1st March instant are to bee stricke out. And that hence after no dissent to any order bee entered into the booke of orders of the Companie. |
| 08/03/52 | 5 | [Page 189] Ordered that Mr Alderman Henley and Mr Adams bee added to the committee named in and by three severall orders of the 20 February, 3rd and 5th March last to take into consideration the accounts, the busines of the backfloores and the sallary of the sub-expenditors, and the said committee are desired to meete tomorrow at 8 a clocke in the forenoone and in the afternoone and to make their report in Wednesday next. |
| 10/03/52 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Adams, Sir Edward Pertherich, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Browne, Mr Alleyn, Mr William Weston, Colonell Walton, Mr Bardley, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Drewrey, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Trafford, Mr Tym Neale, Mr Hampson, Mr Thurloe, Colonell Jones |

10/03/52	2	Whereas the Companie havinge had experience of the care and dilligence of Lieutenantt Colonell Francis Underwood, their expendor in laying out and expendinge great sums of money towards the workes both in the yeare 1650 and yeare 1651, and whereas hee demandes the sum of £367 for the charges of his subexpenditors, and it is thought fitt and this day ordered that hee shall have £250 in full of his demandes touching the charges of his subexpenditor, and the yeare now ensuinge, it is ordered that hee shall have an allowance after the rate of twenty shillings for every £100 as shall bee layed out and expended on the workes to begin from the last audit of Mr Jessop and the Companie to bee at noe further charge about the expence of money, and this is to bee understood that after the adjudication of the whole levell hee is to have 200 acres or £300 in money at the election of the Companie according to a former order
10/03/52	3	That severall bills of exchange now charged on Mr Jessop the receivor, amountinge to the some of £540, bee by him paid in tyme as they grow due and are accepted
10/03/52	4	Upon readinge Mr Hamonds letter, it is ordered that £2000 be forthwith retorned for a present supply of the workemen, and as touching the backfloores the Companie are willing to allow 15d a floore if admitted otherwise rather than fayle 18d a floore to be paid forthwith to prevent any further clamour
10/03/52	5	Memorand Mr Hamond to send upward who entertayned the under officers and the day when they were respectively entertayned
12/03/52	1	[Page 190] Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Parthrich, Mr Latch, Mr Draper, Mr Thurloe, Mr Drewrey, Mr Partherich, Mr William Weston, Mr Alleyn, Mr John Russell, Mr Bradley, Mr Cardrow, Mr Hampson, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Captain North, Mr Trafford, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Neale
12/03/52	2	In pursuance of an order made on Friday the 6th of February last touching the division of the 8th lott, it was moved that the 1000 acres in the same lott which fell to John Cardrow, Peter Naylor and Sir Thomas Hampson, notwithstanding the dissent of the said Mr Naylor, bee subdivided into 2 moytices of 500 acres, out on one of which moytice Mr Naylor is to have his 200 acres, and it is further ordered that the clarke of the Companie doe draw the lott for Mr Naylor.
12/03/52	3	Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration the speedy reporting of the accoumpts of the expendor, a question was put and resolved that the committee touching the same bee desired to meete tomorrow in the forenoone to state, settle and examyn the said accoumpts
12/03/52	4	Another question was put and resolved that the report touching the said accounts bee by the said Committee made tomorrow in the afternoone at which tyme the whole Companie are desired to meete
12/03/52	5	Upon a motion made for sealinge a deede of 3600 acres in the first lott to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden or whome hee shall nominate, a question was put and resolved that the £363.16.03 bee paid first
12/03/52	6	Ordered that Mr Fountayne bee desired to write to Mr Myngay to meete Mr Turner at Wisbech the 20th March instant and from there to goe to Stilton to meete on the 26th March next to act as refferees touching exchange of land at Glatton and Holme in pursuance of an order of the Comissioners, and Mr Claphorne is also desired to

take the paynes to meete the said refferees at the Companies charge touching exchange of the said landes

Memorandum that a letter bee written to Mr Turner accordingly

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| 12/03/52 | 7 | Ordered that the comittee formerly named in the order of the 5th March last bee desired to meete tomorrow as 8 a clocke at Bedford howse and from there to goe to Major Generall Disbrow to treat with him touching the difference between the Companie and the towne of Over |
| 12/03/52 | 8 | Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to examyn the expenditor accounts and to allow all such sum or sums of money as appeare to bee due in pursuance of the orders of the Companie and not otherwise |
| 12/03/52 | 9 | Memorand that the paper now read over to the Companie intituled that state of the accoumpts of Lieutenant Colonell Underwood as by him agreed and esteemed to be noe accoumpt as to his discharge or anythinge therein conteyned |
| 13/03/52 | 1 | [Page 191] Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Alleyn, Golonell Underwood, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood |
| 13/03/52 | 2 | Whereas the accoumpt of Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood, expenditor for the Companie for the yeare ended the 30th of January 1651, was lately audited by Mr Jessop in pursuance of the Companies order in that behalfe, and the state thereof by him reported to the Companie, and whereas the accoumpt, so by him presented, was referred to the consideration of a committee of members of the Companie who did thereupon meete and examyn the severall parts of the said accoumpt, accordinge to Mr Jessops said report and whereas the said committee, makinge report to the Companie this day of their opinion touching the said accoumpt, it appeared that diverse payments therein conteyned had byn made by the said expenditor differently from the rules prescribed unto him by the Companies instructions and orders, and perticularly in the rod worke by his not takinge the severall acquittances of the respective undertakers or workemen upon their receipt of the moneys to them paid, as also by some payments upon contracts for lands bought through the contracts in some cases was not confirmed accordinge to the Companies orders, and that, in one case, the money payable for inheritance of land was paid to an executor who (for ought appeared) was not being intitulated there unto, and the £320.11.10 is entered upon the said accoumpt as paid by the hands of Captain Fisher upon the purchase of some landes, though no contractes were procured for the same at the audit, and that some payment had byn made for perticular workes distinct from rod workes and no acquittances taken from the parties, and for as much as the Companie were nevertheles, upon the said report, satisfyed that the money charged in the said account as paid were accordingly truly and really paid, although the said instructions and orders were not literally and punctually pursued, and whereas it appears that the charge upon the said expenditor by the said accoumpt amounts unto £67786.16.08, all which the said expenditor doth acknowledge other than twenty poundes, the last sum charged upon him by Robert Henley Snr his account, and that the said expenditor disburses charges upon the said accoumpt amount unto £65449.02.09 so that there rests in the handes of the said expenditor, upon the ballance of the said account, the sum of £2337.13.10 1/2, it is therefore ordered and declared that the said Lieutentant Colonell Francis Underwood bee and Is hereby discharged of the said sum of [Page 192] £7786.16.08 exceptinge the said sum of £2337.13.10 1/2 resting on the foote of the said account as aforesaid, out of which said sum so restinge there is also by him to be discounted £743 in full of his owne sallary and allowances now due according to the Companies former orders, provided nevertheles that the said Lieutenant Colonell |

Francis Underwood shall provide such security to bee given for the land so paid for to an executive as Mr Delavall shall approve. As also such contracts for landes to be perfected, confirmed as doe appeare to have byn irregularly paid for, as aforesaid, and shall also procure acquittances to such contracts for perticuler workes distinct from rod worke, as have byn paid for and no acquittances taken, for the ascertaining of both, which Mr Jessop is out of his abstracte of the said account to make collection of such payments as hee shall find defective in eyther of these reports, and then deliver a copie thereof to the said Lieutenant Francis Underwood who is thereupon to proceede in manner as aforesaid, provided, also that is, if any moneys alledged to bee paid upon the said account for rod workes or otherwise shall hereafter bee demanded and undertaken by workemen of other person on pretence that the same is not paid, the said Lieutenant Underwood shall save and keepe harmles the Companie from all such demandes and pretences whatsoever.

13/03/52 3 Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration Mr Jessops paynes and trouble, as well the last year as this year, stating and auditing their accounts in the Country, it is ordered that hee shall have fower score poundes allowed and given unto him as a gratuity from the Companie for his paynes and charges

13/03/52 4 Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight doe appoint the landes hereafter mentioned parcell of the 1st lott that is to say

Haddenham Comon - 100 acres
 Botisham High Fenn - 140 acres
 In Westmoore north of Bedford River - 300 acres
 In Hilgay Comon by Captain Skipwiths bancke - 318 acres
 Towne Mores, Arkinstall Unley, severall, Eastmoore or Littleshall and Tompsons Fen in Lakenheath and 2 sedge fennes and Coplow Fen in Mildenhall - 200 acres
 In Whilymore, Lowell Moore and Spain Delfe A out of 479 acres - 278 acres
 Out of Somerham Comon A next unto Crollode and of 400 acres - 200 acres
 Hale Fenn comon and sedge fenne severall by Welney next to Welney - 200 acres

Total - 1836 acres

To bee conveyed to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden Esquire and his heires

[Page 193] And the residue of the said first lott viz -

In Sutton Meadlandes - 131 acres
 Stuntney Comon - 32 acres
 Part of Thorney - 100 acres
 A severall in Woodwalton - 015 acres
 Grunty Fen - 100 acres
 Bezelinges Fen in Doddington - 100 acres
 Creeke Fen in Doddington next towards March - 200 acres
 Out of Stoney Fen and Blocke Fen Comon out of 500 acres - 400 acres
 Great Bradney Moore a severall in Doddington - 162 1/2 acres
 Severalls of Doddington - 32 1/2 acres
 Two peices one Westmore north another Westmore south - 100 acres
 Coveney Severalls - 073 acres
 Stuntney farme - 22 acres
 Stuntney small severalls - 12 acres
 Severalls of Well and Wellney - 040 acres

Total 1764 acres

To bee conveyed to John Latch and his heires or to such other person or persons as hee shall nominate, the said John Latch or such as hee shall appointe payinge the taxes for the same which is £26.03.00 for every acre allready layd and all future taxes

Cornelius Vermuyden

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| 13/03/52 | 5 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to desire him to meete Mr Mingay and Mr Turner at Wisbech 20th March instant, and copies of all orders are to bee sent to him touching the busines of Glatton and Holme in pursuance of an order of reference made by the Commissioners and an express is to bee sent further to Mr Hamond |
| 15/03/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr Draper, Mr Thurloe, Mr North, Mr John Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Adams, Mr Drewrey, Mr William Weston, Colonell Underwood |
| 15/03/52 | 2 | Ordered that Pophams Eau and the 16 foote and 10 foote dreyne from Honey to Well be perfected accordinge to the orders given the last yeare by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as soone as ever the season will give leave |
| 15/03/52 | 3 | Ordered that a highway bee made from Whittlesey to Upwood hardes |
| 15/03/52 | 4 | Ordered that a highway bee made from Bevills Leam to the dam intended to be made over River Neane |
| 15/03/52 | 5 | Ordered that Colonell Walton and Mr Sergeant Barnard bee desired to call the Country in about gravelling the way between Somersham and Chartris, the Company havinge allready prepared a bancke fitt for that passage, and Mr Drewrey is hereby desired to speake with the said persons about it and peticularly Sergeant Barnard at the next assizes, that hee may acquaint the Country with it and procure some consent from them and agreement for the speedy putting it in hand if it may bee. And also that Mr Drewrey would acquaint as well the Soake of Somersham, as the towne of Wisbech and other adjacent places with the desire of the Companie in this behalfe |
| 15/03/52 | 6 | [Page 194] Whereas the Sheire dreyne was last yeare opened 20 foote wide and as deep as it was then founde necessary, and it appearing that that was not found sufficient to carry away the water of the north levell, it is now ordered that the said dreyne bee made 20 foote wide and as deepe as they can well goe and with the earth that comes out of it to heighten the banckes on both sides the indreyne |
| 15/03/52 | 7 | Ordered that the highway from Whittlesey hards through the West Fen and so over Neane upon the north banke of Ransome Moore bee proceeded in as soon as the season of the yeare will admitt |
| 15/03/52 | 8 | Ordered that it bee left to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to consider how to ease Car Dike and carry part of the water thereof unto Clowes Crosse or otherwise as hee shall thinke fitt |
| 15/03/52 | 9 | Ordered that the highway antiently set forth upon Mr Kingscrots map from Puttockes Lane ende to Copholder bancke bee forthwith made |
| 15/03/52 | 10 | Ordered that Mr Say, Mr Trenchard, Mr Adams, Mr Latch and Mr Thurloe, or any three of them, bee desired to meete tomorrow and consider a new frame for managing the busines in the Country for the future and offer theire opinion to the Companie upon Wednesday next and, likewise, the said Committee are to consider |

how to preserve the workes allready made, as also what courses to bee taken for procuring recompense for the land part of the 95000 acres spoiled cutting turffe and how to prevent the like inconvenience for the future, and any member of the Companie may bee present at the said committee and have vote there.

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| 15/03/52 | 11 | A question was putt whether or no Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to paie taxes for 1836 acres in the 1st lott, it was resolved hee shall paie noe taxes but for preservation and maytenance untill adjudication |
| 17/03/52 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch, Mr Henley, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr William Weston, Mr Bradley, Captain North, Mr Draper, Mr Fountayne, Colonell Underwood, Mr Davis |
| 17/03/52 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired forthwith to make a demand of £1800 of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden because there is above £100000 expended in and towards the workes of dreyninge, besides the charge of officers sallarys, purchase of landes for conveniency of dreyninge, suytes in law and commissioners meetings according to the Articles of Agreement made betweene him and the Companie bearing date the 25th January 1649 |
| 17/03/52 | 3 | Memorand that Mr Jessop did issue the said order to Sir Cornelius Vermyden and did demand the said some of £1800 of his in pursuance of the Articles made between him and the Company |
| 17/03/52 | 4 | [Page 195] Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall upon his owne desire have tyme given him untill Friday come sennight next to bring in his exceptions to the perticulers of the accounts delivered into him by Mr Jessop |
| 17/03/52 | 5 | Whereas the last tax of 15d an acre due and payable the 1st December last was sett and imposed upon 300 acres of Adventurers lande lyinge and beinge in Somersham high fennne, lately belonginge to John Tourney and John Williams in the 2nd lott, which tax is hither to unpaid to the prejudice of the Company and retarding of the workes of dreyninge, notwithstanding severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as the said 300 acres this daie were exposed to sale and one Mr Dallowe, beinge present, offered £315 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration where of and forasmuch as it beinge theire propounded and no one offering more for the said landes the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 300 acres to the said Edward Dallowe and his heires to have and to hold the said 300 acres unto him the said Edward Dallowe his heires and assigned, provided that the said Edward Dallowe doe paie, or cause to bee paid, the said some of 315 acres forthwith, otherwise this order of sale to bee void and upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, it is further ordered that the said Edward Dallowe shall have an assurance of the said 300 acres or unto such person or persons and to his and theire heires as hee shall nominate and appoint, the surplusage to bee restored to the right overs accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament. |
| 17/03/52 | 6 | Whereas the last tax of 15d an acre due and payable the 1st December last was sett and imposed upon 250 acres of Adventurers lande lyinge and beinge in Nealemore in the 18th lott, lately belonginge to Captain Richard Blackwall, which tax hitherto is unpaid to the prejudice of the Company and retarding of the workes of dreyninge, notwithstanding severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as the said 250 acres this daie were exposed to sale and one Mr William Jessop, beinge present, offered £450 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes growing due for the same, in consideration whereof and |

forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and no one offering more for the said landes, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 250 acres to the said William Jessop and his heires to have and to hold the said 250 acres unto him the said William Jessop his heires and assigned, provided that the said William Jessop doe paie or cause to bee paid the said some of £450 forthwith unto the officers of the treasury for the tyme beinge, otherwise this order of sale to bee void and, upon payment of the said sum, in manner as aforesaid, it is further ordered that the said William Jessop shall have an assurance of the said 250 acres or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heires, the surplusage to bee restored to the right owners accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament.

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| 17/03/52 | 7 | <p>[Page 196] Whereas the last tax of 15d an acre, due and payable the 1st December last, was sett and imposed upon 210 acres of Adventurers lande lyinge and beinge in Soham Fenn in Sir Robert Heathes severalls, laterly belonging to Thomas Browne and John Williams in the 13th lott, which tax hitherto is unpaid to the prejudice of the Company and retarding of the workes of dreyninge, notwithstanding severall daies have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as the said 210 acres were this daie exposed to sale and one Mr John Winch, beinge present, offered £220 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes growing due for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and no one offering more for the said landes, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 210 acres to the said John Winch and his heires to have and to hold the said 210 acres unto him the said John Winch, his heires and assigned, provided that the said £220 bee forthwith paid unto the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge, otherwise this order of sale to bee void, and upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, it is further ordered that the said Winch shall have an assurance of the said 210 acres or unto such person or persons or hee shall nominate and to his and their heires, the surplusage to bee restored to the right owner or owners accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament.</p> |
| 17/03/52 | 8 | <p>Memorand that the report of the sub-committee in writing, touchinge the reducing officers and mannaging affayres in the Country was this day read over.</p> |
| 17/03/52 | 9 | <p>Ordered that Monday next in the afternoone bee appointed a tyme for the sale of defaulters landes on paying in the last tax of 15d an acre due and payable the 1st December last</p> |
| 17/03/52 | 10 | <p>A question was put whether yea or noe the paper now read over to the Companie touching the 1st lott shall bee entered as an order of the Companie, it was resolved in the negative.</p> |
| 17/03/52 | 11 | <p>Ordered that the clarke take notice and care hence forward from tyme to tyme that every order of the Companie appointed to bee sent downe into the Country, bee sent unto Mr Hamond and that the clarke keepe an accoumpt by whome hee sends them and bee sure to have a receipt from him and the tyme when received at his perill.</p> |
| 17/03/52 | 12 | <p>Memorand that the Companie doe intend to meete on Satterdaie next in the afternoone and not in Friday in regard Mr Henley moved the Companie that the clarke may bee that daie examined in a cause dependinge between him and Sir Edward Baynton which was assented unto.</p> |
| 20/03/52 | 1 | <p>Mr Latch, Mr North, Mr Adams, Mr William Weston, Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr</p> |

20/03/52	2	[Page 197] Ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired upon the finish of the next paie dayes, or before, to require and receive from Mr Burton or his clarke all the contracts and bookes of the accoumpts of the Companie, and that from the said paie daies the said Mr Burtons imployment as principall overseer of the workes to cease and determyn, and it is further ordered the Edmund Welsh and John Daniell shall have the same power and authority to all intents and purposes as the said Mr Burton formerly had and the Companie will also name a clarke that shall from tyme to tyme take care to enter all contracts that shall be made hereafter in a booke to bee kept for the purpose
20/03/52	3	Memorand that Mr Moore the surveyour doe attend the Companie at their next meetinge to shew cause why the severalls in Sutton, Mepall and Ramsey are not yet sett out, and also the Companie is to lett him know the Company thinke it long untill they have a mapp made of the whole levell and hee is to shew cause why the same is not done
20/03/52	4	Ordered that a letter bee sent to the expeditor to signifie unto him that for the present the Companie will have him follow and pursue the former instructions given him for the issuinge out of money untill further order made by the Companie
20/03/52	5	Memorand that the committee formerly named to consider of a new frame for managinge the busines in the Country for the yeare ensuinge bee desired to meete on Mondaie next as 7 a clocke in the forenoone
21/03/52	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Adams, Mr Latch
21/03/52	2	Resolved upon the question that Mr Palmer the under surveyour bee displaced
21/03/52	3	Resolved that if Daniell bee not upon the place, there shall bee two under overseers contynued untill further order whereupon Ringwood and Kethermister were named by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden but the Companie have it to Mr Hamond, Mr Latch, Mr Gawsell and Mr Drewry or any two of them to make choice of them
21/03/52	4	Ordered that Mr Pinchbakce bee contynued in his former imployment of takinge care of the materialls at Salters Lode and Mr Drewry likewise desired to take care of all the materialls about Erith
21/03/52	5	Ordered that Mr Walker bee desired to goe to Durham and make choice of all such Scotch prisoners as are hayle and sound and fitt for labour to bee imployed in the service of the Companie as soon as the Companie have obteyned a warrant for the purpose under the hand of Sir Arthur Hasilrigge
21/03/52	6	[Page 198] Ordered that Mr Moore the surveyour doe take care to make an exacte map of the whole of the levell by easter day next and present the same to the Companie which hee hath promised accordingly
21/03/52 p.m.	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Draper, Mr John Russell, Mr Browne, Mr William Weston, Mr Gorges, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Trenchard, Mr Trafford, Colonell Underwood, Mr Adams
21/03/52 p.m.	2	Upon motion made what conveyance is fitt for the Companie to have from Mr Hamon Ward of 8 acres of land cutt through and prejudiced in order to the workes, it was thought fitt and ordered by the Companie present that a short bargaine, and sale of the said land bee drawne and prepared, and on sealing and executing thereof the expeditor pay unto him the sum of £57 agreed upon

21/03/52 p.m.	3	Ordered that the severall orders for highways made 15th of March last bee for the present suspended untill further order made by the Company except the highway from Bevills Leame to the dam intended to bee made over Neane
21/03/52 p.m.	4	Ordered that all the gravells and stoppes in March river bee forthwith taken away and removed
24/03/52	1	Mr Henley Snr, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Latch, Mr Draper, Mr Forster, Mr Bradley, Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Trenchard
24/03/52	2	The report touchinge the reducinge of officers and mananginge affayres in the Country was read over and agreed rules
24/03/52	3	Upon reading the paper drawne by Mr Thurloe touching the 1st lott, it is ordered that the same bee taken into consideration on Monday next and then to bee determined
26/03/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr Trenchard, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Tymothy Neale
26/03/52	2	Upon readinge of a letter produced by Mr Hamond Ward which hee sent from his tennant, it is ordered that a letter bee sent unto Mr Hamond as followeth viz - Sir the inhabitants of the towne of Sutton in the Ilse [Page 199] doe very much complayne of the great store of water on the south side of Bedford river occasioned by water of Owse in so much as they are in great danger to loose or at least hazard this theire sumer crop. The Companie have therefore comanded mee to signifie unto you they cannot give answer to the same complaintt untill they have an assurance that the new river is bottomed, which they finde hath byn so much delayed and retarded, and therefore they desire you to endeavor by all meanes possible to take care that the said river bee without any further delay bottomed and they will by no means rest satisfied herein unles you goe in person yourselfe to see the same from place to place effectually proceeded in, and further desire you to certifie unto them the certaine tyme upon the same will bee done
26/03/52	3	Memorand Mr Henley, now present, does give his consent that Mr Trenchard shall have 500 acres in Byall Fenn lyinge next to Salters Lode, part of 2500 acres to be conveyed unto him and his heires is free from taxes and Mr Henley hath it, and Mr Trenchard hath likewise given his consent to passe over all his interest in his 400 acres in the 5th lott and his 100 acres in the 17th lott unto Mr Henley as a full and finall conclusion to all differences as touching the exchange of the said landes
26/03/52	4	Whereas Mr Drewry of Erith in order to the perfectinge on the north and south bancke between Erith and Mepall did on the 27 October last deliver unto the Company his propositions in writing which then were approved of but noe order made thereupon, the Companie, now taking the same into consideration, are willinge to accept of the propositions and doe accordingly order that the said Mr Drewry shall take care of perfecting the said banckes, and at his owne charge, and from tyme to tyme, shall repayre and amende the same as neede shall require and to doe all thinges requisite and necessary for the preservinge of the said banckes, for which care and trouble the Companie are willinge hee shall have the feedinge of the said banks with sheepe and catell.

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| 26/03/52 | 5 | Upon readinge of certaine propositions in writinge touchinge landes cut through, wayes and passages and other matters tending to the good of the Companie, it is ordered that Mr Say, Mr Adams, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard and Mr William Weston, or any three of them, are desired to take into consideration the said paper and thereupon to make their report to the Companie |
| 26/03/52 | 6 | Upon readinge over Sir Cornelius Vermuydens answer in writinge to the perticular abstracte of the accounts delivered unto him by Mr Jessop, accordinge to a former order, it is this day ordered that the committee formerly named, with the assistance of Mr Jessop, bee desired, or any three thereof them, to take into consideration the said writings and to meete tomorrow in the afternoone at two a clocke. |
| 26/03/52 | 7 | Whereas upon a petition of Henry Fynnnimore, it was prayed that for his labour and paynes in defending the south banke of Moretons Leame, that for that service hee might have allowed him some reasonable sallary, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Thurloe and Mr Moore, the surveyour, or any two of them bee desired to consider of the said petiiton and allow him a reasonable sallary for his paynes and care in lookinge to and preserveringe of the said banke |
| 26/03/52 | 8 | The Companie takinge into consideration the order of the 20th March last touching the nomination of a clarke to enter all contracts in a booke to bee kept for that purpose have agreed on Monday next to name the said clark |
| 29/03/52 | 1 | [Page 200] Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Gorges, Mr Draper, Mr Fountayne, Colonell Underwood, Mr Hampson, Mr Cardrow, Mr Adams, Mr Trenchard, Mr Jessop |
| 29/03/52 | 2 | Whereas in pursuance of an order made on Friday the sixth of February last touching the devision of the eighth lott, as also of another order made on Friday the 12th March last touching the same lott, it was ordered that 1000 acres, which upon castinge lotts fell to Mr Cardrow and Thomas Hampson Esqr, late Baronett, and Mr Naylor, bee divided into 500 and 500 acres which was this day done by Mr Cardrow and Mr Hampson for this father, and lotts thereupon cast which devision so made, and lotts cast the Companie doe approve of and confirme. And thereupon order that the clarke of the Company shall cast lotts with Mr Hampson for 200 acres which belong to Mr Naylor out of the 500 acres to sell to Mr Hampson |
| 29/03/52 | 3 | Resolve beinge put to the question that the report now read over to the Companie, bearinge date the 27th March instant, bee entered into the booke of orders and is to bee kept and observed as orders of the Company. And Mr Moore the surveyour to have a copie thereof, together with this order sent unto him, and it is forthwith ordered that the said surveyour is speedily to put in execution all such thinges as are to bee done on the north side of Bedford River in pursuance of the said report and St Ives Law therein mentioned. |

Which report as followeth

Report of the committee desired to take into consideration certaine propositions in writing in pursuance of the order of the Company made on Friday last

That survey bee forthwith made of the 95000 acres and of every Adventurers proportion in the Levell, not reckoninge or accompting any part of the measure belonginge to each proportion, waters, sumps, dikes, pitt holes and mere growndes, banckes for landes not exceedinge 60 foote in breadth, rivers, highways conteyninge 60 foote betweene dike and dike, and if there bee any want of the 95000 acres then to sett out soe much more out of the grownd or comon next adjoyninge, as may bee

sufficient to supply the quantity thereof, and if there bee sufficient to too much in quantity already sett out to the Adventurers, then to leave the same to the Country where any over plus shall bee.

That the 12 foote dikes that devide the Adventurers landes from the Countrie and great dreynes that are made for makinge of the highways may bee so contrived that they may, according to St Ives Law, bee usefull and serviceable for the better dreyninge of the levell and that those highways, dreynes, banckes, rivers and forelands may bee sett out att the same tyme when the Adventurers proportions are sett out, for by the Law theis highwaies, banckes, rivers and forelands are to bee noe part of the Adventurers 95000 acres and yett the soyle and inheritance of the same are decreed to the Adventurers.

29/03/52 4 **[Page 201]** Resolved being put to the question that the severall parcells of land hereafter mentioned amountinge to 1798 acres in the 1st lott shall this day bee exposed to sale

Whereas severall parcells of land this is to say

Haddenham Comon A - 100.00.00 acres
Bothsham High Fen - 140.00.00 acres
In Westmore noeth of Bedford River A - 400.00.00 acres
In Helgey Comon by Captain Skipwiths Bancke - 318.00.00 acres
Towne Moores, Arkinstall Unley severalls
Eatmoore or Little Shell and Tompsons Fen
in Lakenheath and two sedge fennes
and Coplow Fen in Mildenhall - £200.00.00 acres
Great Bradney Moore, a severall in Doddinton - 162.02.00 acres

Amountinge in the whole unto - 1798.02.00 acres

29/03/52 5 Parcell of 3600 acres in the 1st lott were this daye exposed to sale in regard noe taxes have byn paid for the same since the passing of the Acte of Parliament, now forasmuch as this daie was appointed a daie for sale of the said landes and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden then present offered to give £4500.11.10 for the purchase thereof, the Companie, by vertue and in puruance of the said Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 1798.02.00 acres unto the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to have and to hold the said 1798 acres to him the said Sir Cornleius Vermuyden his heires and assigned provided that the said sum and every part thereof bee paid to the receivoiur of the Company within a weeke or else this order or contracte to bee void. And it is further ordered, upon payment of the said some of £4500.11.10, in manner as aforesaid, the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall have an assurance of the said 1798 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heires.

29/03/52 6 Memorand. Friday next in the afternoone the Companie doe agree to sell the remaynder of the 3600 acres in the 1st lott viz - 1801 acres - as also all defaulters landes in payinge in the last tax of 15d an acte payable the 1st of December last.

29/03/52 7 Ordered that Mr Thomas Moore shall bee clarke of the contractes who is to enter all contracts in a booke to bee kept for that purpose and hee is to observed such instructions as hee shall from tyme to tyme receive from the Companie

29/03/52 8 **[Page 202]** Whereas by order of the Lordes and other commissioners there is £4500.11.10 to bee paid to the workemen out of the sale of 3600 acres in the 1st lott,

and the workemen haved desired that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden may become their paymaster for the same, and whereas the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to pay the Companie the sum of £4500.11.10 for the purchase money of 1798 1/2 acres in the 1st lott and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden did now offer and agree that if the Companie receiver will give him a report for the said £4500.11.10 which hee is to paie to the Companie, that hee will become paymaster of the £4500.11.10 to the workemen and free the Companie and Mr Latch of all demandes touchinge the same or any part thereof shall bee unpaid to the said workemen at midsomers day next that hee will pay the said into the handes of the receiver of the Companie, and for better security of his performance therein, doth agree that 1800 acres of the land belonging to him in the 5th lott, to be taken at the election of the Companie, shall remayne as the Companies security for his due performance, which offer the said doth accept and agree unto, and doe thereupon order that Mr Jessop doe give the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden receipt for the said £4500.11.10 in satisfaction of the said purchase, and take receipt from the said, from the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for £4500.11.10 delivered to his handes by the Companie at the desire of the workemen, and for their satisfaction accordinge to the order of the Lords and other Commissioners, and in pursuance of this order and place the same to account accordingly for which this shall bee his warrant which beinge done, the assurance of the said 1798 1/2 acres is to bee past accordinge to the order of the sale.

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| 30/03/52 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Hampson, Colonell Underwood, Mr Fountayne |
| 30/03/52 | 2 | The report touchinge the reducinge officers and the managinge affayes in the Country returned and that part thereof which concerned the north side of Bedford River was taken into consideration, whereupon the officers named for the letting out and taking up of the workes in that side were Edmund Welsh, Anthony Ringwood and John Cowley and they are to doe all other thinges as the superintendent shall require of them for the good of the Companie |
| 30/03/52 | 3 | Ordered that the old dreynes as the West Water and the like are to bee divided in the middle |
| 31/03/52 | 1 | [Page 203] Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hampson, Mr William Weston, Earl of Bedford, Mr William Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges |
| 31/03/52 | 2 | Ordered that the two severalls bills of exchange of £200 and £800 and odd poundes, now charged upon Mr Jessop, bee by him accepted of and paid in tyme as they growe due. |
| 31/03/52 | 3 | Ordered that it be referred to Mr Say, Mr Adams, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, or any three of them to consider whether the purchasor of the 10000 acres are now to pay taxes towards the repayres and maytenance of the workes, and they are desired to report to the Companie their opinion touchinge the same |
| 31/03/52 | 4 | Whereas the order made on Monday last for sale of the remaynder of the 1st lott beinge taken into consideration, upon the question it was resolved that the said order of sale as to that land shall bee vacated by consent of both parties therein concerned |
| 31/03/52 | 5 | Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond touchinge the meeting at Stilton upon the refference about Glatton and Holme ordered that an answer bee sent to this effect |
- 1 To retorne thanks unto him for his care and paynes at the refference
2 To desire him to send up the certificate before it bee signed

3 To that part concerned the land of the Earl of Westmorland cutt through and prejudiced, lett a lease bee made from the 4 trustees and sent up to the Company shall bee sealed, so as the leessees are able and sufficient to pay theire rent
4 To the value of the land, it is to bee considered what it was in 6 to Car and not now as it is improved

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| 31/03/52 | 6 | Whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to have 4000 acres being the 5th lott and that 2000 acres parte thereof is not to bee sold for seaven years but the other 2000 acres hee may dispose and sell according to the articles in that behalfe, and whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuyden this day did desire the Companie that hee might sett out perticular parcells amountinge to 1383 acres out of the said 5th lott parcell of the 2000 acres, which hee is presently to dispose, namely 400 acres in Middlemore, 483 acres in Westfen and Westfenne Close, 200 acres in Townemoore and 300 acres in Whitemoore, the Companie thereupon doe order and declare that the said 4 peeces or parcells, above named, amounting to 1383 acres, are and shall bee part of the said 2000 acres which are not restreynd from sale by the said Articles |
| 02/04/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Mr William Weston, Colonell Underwood, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Willian Crane |
| 02/04/52 | 2 | [Page 204] Resolved upon the question that the devision of 1000 acres in Westmore, north of Bedford River, belonging to the 20 lotts formerly made and lotts drawne for the same and heretofore sent up in a letter from Mr Moore, bee now confirmed and the lotts so drawne are to stand and bee of force and Mr Moore the surveyour is forthwith to goe on with the devision dikes of the whole (if they bee nor allready finished without partiallity to any Adventurer) |
| 02/04/52 | 3 | Order that if any tithe shall arise touchinge or concerninge any Adventurers landes in the Great Levell of the Fennes, actions shall from tyme to tyme bee brought in the name of the 4 trustees and at the charge of the whole company |
| 02/04/52 | 4 | Ordered that Mr Latch and Mr Jessop bee desired to meete tomorrow morninge and take into theire consideration the report of the comittee for reducing officers and consider of putting the same into some frame or method and present the same to the Company on Monday next. |
| 02/04/52 | 5 | Memorand: Sir Cornelius Vermuyden does nominate Fenton Parsons of Lincolne Inne Esquire to bee purchasor of the 1798 and 1/2 acresm part of the 1st lott in pursuance of the order of the contracte made against March last. |
| 05/04/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne, Mr Samuell, Mr Downinge, Mr Robert Hampson, Mr North, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr Willam Weston, Mr Draper |
| 05/04/52 | 2 | Ordered upon the motion of Mr Henley that Mr Moore the surveyour, in prosecution of the order of 29th of March last, doe take care to survey and admeasure all such Adventurers land as are cutt into and turffe pitts, to begin about Woodwalton, Ramsey, Higney and the parts adjacent, and certifie to the Companie what quantity of land is cutt and prejudiced, to the intent Mr Henley or any other member of the Companie who hath land cutt into turffe pitts may apply themselves to have satisfaction from the Country by such order as shall bee made by the Commissioners nominated in the Acte of Parliament in a letter to Mr Moore surveyour. |
| 05/04/52 | 3 | Ordered that the Companie doe meete tomorrow in the afternoone at one a clocke and, in perticular, the Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Say and Mr |

Thurloe are desired then to meete and consider how to make an accomodation with Mr Latch **[Page 205]** by conveyinge the remaynder of the 1st lott unto him or his heires or his assigned and the report of the committee for reducing officers as also to take into their consideration the draft of a conveyance which concerns Mr Trenchard.

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| 06/04/52 | 1 | Earle of Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr Thruloe, Mr trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Fountayne |
| 06/04/52 | 2 | Whereas the Companie, accordinge to the Acte of Parliament and in pursuance of the comissioners order, have sold 1798 1/2 acres of the 3600 acres in the 1 st lott to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for £4500.11.10 and Mr latch hath paid unto Mr Jessop the sum of £224.09.11 which payes the Company the whole taxes due before and in December last for the said 3600 acres, and whereas the Company are to pay the workemen £4500.11.10 after the Company taxes paid accordingly to the Lords Comissioners order, which mony the Companie have allready paid to the workemen and therefore ought to bee reimbursed of the same, and also of the mony due to the Companie for materialls accordinge to the true intent of the conveyance made by the said Mr Latch to William Earle of Bedford Edward Russell, Robert Henley and Robert Castell Esquire in trust, the Companie, nevertheles, in favour to Mr Latch, are contented and doe, accordingly order that if the said Mr Latch, on or before the 14 th of May next, shall paie to the use of the Company £2140.01.03 and also the two 15d taxes due the 14 th of this instant Aprill and the 14 th of May next for the 1801 acres 1/2, residue of the said 3600 acres, that then the said Earle of Bedford shall take and benefitt by the conveyance to them made by the said Mr Latch, in trust as aforesaid, as to the 1801 acres 1/2, and it is further ordered by and with the consent of Mr Latch that if any part of the said £2140.01.03, or of the said 2 taxes now imposed shall on the said 14 th May remayne unpaid to the Companies use that then, and from thereforth, the said trustees shall stand seized of the said 1801 acres 1/2 in trust to and for the Companie and shall and may convey the same and every part thereof to such person or persons and their heires as the Companie shall assigne or nominate in that behalfe to the onely use and be hooft of the Companie, and that the said Mr Latch, by his owne consent, his heires and assigned shall bee forever debarred and excluded from clayminge any interest in or in any part thereof. |
| 07/04/52 | 1 | [Page 206] Mr Latch, Mr Hampson, Mr Henley Snr, Mr John Arthur, Colonell Underwood, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr William Weston, Mr Browne |
| 07/04/52 | 2 | Ordered upon a motion of Mr Trenchard that a letter bee written to Mr Moore, the surveyour, that hee forthwith take care that his 500 acres, the moytice of 1000 acres in Byall Fenn bee servered and devided from the Country by dikes to bee made for that purpose, as hath byn usually done in other Adventurers land. |
| 07/04/52 | 3 | Ordered that the Companie bee desired to meete tomorrow morninge at eight a clocke to take into consideration the abstracte of a certificate sent up in a letter from Mr Turner upon the refference about Glatton and Holme. |
| 09/04/52 | 1 | Mr Latch, Mr Castell, Colonell Underwood, Mr Fountayne, Earl of Bedford, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Jessop |
| 09/04/52 | 2 | Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond of the 6th Aprill instant, as also of an abstracte of a certificate touchinge the refference about Glatton and Holme, it is ordered that the clarke write a letter to be sent unto Mr Hamond as followeth: |

Yours of the 6th Aprill was received and yesterday read over to the Companie, whereupon I was comanded to signifie unto you, as touchinge the 300 acres in Holme Fen receptacle, theire direction is that forthwith the counter parte of a lease by deede indented bee sealed by 3 or more sufficient men (as parties trusted for the whole towne) to the 4 trustees of the Company that so they may have security for payment of the £90 rent agreed upon and that land shall appeare to be above the 300 acres the Companie are to bee paid for it in proportion, and if they will not agree to this, the Company can not lett it. The Companie desire you would send up the names of such witnesses as were present and can testifie the sealinge and delivery of the agreement with the inhabitants on the north side of Wisbech in regard it doth such appeare who were present. The Companie are glad to heare there was a paie daie at Sutton and that you spent 3 daies in attendinge the pay because it is here enformed that in some places there hath not byn a pay daie in 14, some say 19 weekes, together, in so much as the reason of the ill paie tis enformed the workmen doe disert theire worke and will doe more for others for 10d then for the Companie for 16d. The Companie should have byn glad to have heard the new river has byn bottomed but they are sorry that after so many promises that river does not yet run, they desire all possible expedition may be made for the bottominge thereof by removinge all trunks rootes of trees and other obstructions whereby the navigation may be prejudiced. As to the £400 you mentioned to be paid in Palmers devision for devision dikes, the Companie desire to know in perticular for what the some was paid and where the land lies and whether [Page 207] the dikes were made att full depth they ought to be made and, if not, the Companie hope there is money enough to complete them. And as to the bridges and, in perticular, that bridge you mention to bee still not resolved, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden will this weeke be in person there and directe where the place shall bee, and as touchinge the other parte of your letter concerning Doctor Staines and Captain Rose, they will endeavor by all meanes the accomplishment. And for the towne of Over, the Companie doe joyne in opinion with you and will call upon Mr Thurloe for the paper you mention. The Companie desire to call on Woodfall to send up forthwith an account of what hee hath done in letting out all Adventurers and of the northside of Bedford River and what money hee hath received and for what land, and doe desire that by the next to send them up a list of the Scotch Prisoners. The Companie desire you to write a letter to the refferees on behalfe of the townes of Glatton and Holme to know if they have agreed upon the certificate.

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| 09/04/52 | 3 | The Companie doe declare that the 5th lott is the land that does belonge to Sir Cornelius Vermuden according to the Articles of Agreement made betweene him and the Company bearinge date the fifth and twentieth day of January 1649 |
| 09/04/52 | 4 | Motion was made by Colonell Castell that the surveyour bee desired to take espetiall care that hereafter no lynes or marks as are sett downe in the lott booke whereby as hee enformed all the good land may in one place and the bad in another upon which the Company did directe him to signifie to the surveyour where any such land, so altered, doe lye and the quantity thereof so that it may bee certified accordingly as it is marked out in the lott booke which is the rule hee is to goe by. |
| 09/04/52 | 5 | Ordered that the 1798 1/2 parcell of the 1st lott contracted for by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden by order of 29th of March last and lately conveyed to Fenton Parsons Esquire are to pay taxes onely from the tyme of the adjudication of the dreyninge of the same accordinge to the agreement made att St Ives the 3rd July last. |
| 13/04/52 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hampson, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Jessop |
| 13/04/52 | 2 | Ordered that it bee added to the instructions that the expeditor doe issue out noe money but by warrant from the comptroller |

- 3 Ordered that what money was paid the last yeare for 690 acres, 20 rod part of Mr Robert Hampsons late proportion of 2000 acres in the 11th and 19th lotts, which the Companie have declared shall belonge to Mr Long and Mr Woolfe, shall be repaid by Mr Longe, Mr Mainston and Mr Woolfe to those who paid the same, in or to the Companie receivor, and that beinge repaid in, the receivor is to give acquittances as for the last yeares taxes and to receive and give acquittances for the other taxes as they grow due, and the tax roll is to **[Page 208]** bee altered accordingly to the names and proportions of land mentioned in an order of 16 February last, according to which the said receivor is to regulate himselfe in his future receipts and acquittances for those landes
- 13/04/52 4 Ordered that Mr Jessop view and carefully explore all the bookes of the officers of the Companie which have refference to the accounts or contracts made on behalfe of the Companie and to bee forthwith done as soone as hee comes into the Country and hereof to give the Companie a speedy account.
- 13/04/52 5 Ordered that Mr Jessop, when hee hath viewed the booke that concernes the Companie accounts and contracts, hee to deteyne the same sealed up in his custodie untill the Companie give further order and bee resolved of from perticulers wherein, for the present, they are satisfied.
- 13/04/52 6 Ordered that Mr Jessop enforme himselfe by what authority the multitude of officers were employed the last yeare and perticularly such officers as by the orders of the Companie were displaced, by whom they were entertayned againe contrary to the Companies orders
- 13/04/52 7 Ordered that Mr Thomas Moore shall have allowed and paid unto him by the expendor, after thereof, twenty shillings a weeke duringe his imployment as clarke of the contractes and this is to bee added to the instructions and report for reducing officers
- 13/04/52 8 Ordered that the superintendents and the comptroller forthwith doe take espetiall carre of flagginge and amending of Waldersey bancke
- 13/04/52 9 Ordered that the report for reducinge officers bee entered in the booke of orders and the same is to bee taken and accepted of as orders of the Companie and the clarke to write out three copies thereof and send them downe to Mr Latch to the intent hee may deliver one to the expendor and the other dispose of as hee shall thinke fitt

Which report is as followeth

- That all the Companie officers now in sallary bee with all convenient speede discharged other than Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the director, Lieutenantt Colonel Underwood, the expendor, who was lately contracted with, and Mr Burton, and such others as the Companie shall thinke fitt and such as are authorized by their instructions to all manage the Companie affayres in the Country
- That upon the south levell, care bee had for the speedy finishing of the new river, that is to say for the bottoming of it and perfectinge the banckes, dams, sluices, and all other matters incident there unto, and that noe new worke bee undertaken or contracts for upon the south levell till the said new river bee completed and due observation made and experience had of the running thereof and of the operation and effecte of stoppinge the old Owse.

- That all the workd refferring to the north levell bee perfectly finished before any other workes (besides the finishing of the said new river as aforesaid) bee undertaken, or contractes for on the south levell.
- That for mannaginge all the workes for the future both on the north and south levell, the officers hereafter named bee continued and entertayned viz -
- That Mr Hamond, Mr Grigory Gawsell, Mr Drewry (Mr Jessop duringe his stay in the Country) or any two of them bee desired to superintend all the said workes and [Page 209] from tyme to tyme by themselves or any two of them to give such orders and directions touchinge the same as they, or any two of them, shall finde most conducinge to the Companies service accordinge to these rules and such others as the Companie shall from tyme to tyme give.
- That Mr Latch bee authorized and hereby desired to mannage the comptroll.
- That Jonas Moore bee contynued as principall surveyour
- That Thomas Welsh and Anthony Ringwood bee continued as under overseers and that they, or one of them together with the undersurveyour, are from tyme to tyme to take up all the workes so lett and and contracted for.
- That no contractes hereafter to bee made shall bee valid unles confirmed by one of the superintendents.
- That the superintendents are desired to take care to see the severall matters put in due execution which, as directed by and order of the 15th of March last concerninge the north levell, to see the draynes betweene the Adventurers and the Country on the north side and the devision dikes betwixt lott and lott bee perfected, that those draynes bee led to their proper outfalls, that all the banckes belonginge to the Companie on the north side bee put into repayre where there is neede and so preserved, that the draynes bee kept cleare and the dams removed, and the makers of the dams required so that the rivers bee roaded and the navigable sluces both at Crowland and Guyhurne sett downe.
- That before any workes bee contracted for, the same shall from tyme to tyme bee comunicated to the superintendent or one of them to the ende they may determyn what shall bee necessary, and thereupon the contractor or one of them with the surveyour to proceede accordinge as they shall bee directed by the said superintendent or one of them, and not otherwise with direction and all the severall contracts or agreements made in pursuance thereof are to bee put in writinge and entered with the clarke of the contracts.
- That Jeffery Hawkins bee contynued in his former employment.
- That John Kelsey bee continued to have all oversight of the Scotts
- That Robert Pinchbacke bee continued for oversight and care of materialls att Salters Load, and John Hatton for the like att Guyhurne and the convenient stone howses be procured for preservation thereof.
- That Mr Drewry bee desired to take care of such materialls as shall bee brought to Erith and to imploy some trusted person to keepe and account of them and the Companie will paie him.

- That Thomas Moore bee entertayned and appointed clarke of the contracts, the duty of whose place shall be fayrely to enter all new contracts into a booke to by him kept for that purpose, the same to bee signed by the parties to the contracts and approved by the superintendents or one of them with the true dates of making and signinge respectively. And of the contractes so entered, signed and approved, hee is to deliver a copie to the superintendents or one of them and one other copie to the comptroller. Hee is also to bee present att the taking up of all workes and att the severall pay daies.
- That after such contracte entered, there shall bee noe alteration made in the booke in any one word but if any additional contracte shall bee made, it shall bee distinctly entered by itselfe according to the tyme it is made.
- **[Page 210]** That and undersurveyour bee appointed who is also to bee present att the takinge up of all workes and at all paies as aforesaid
- That noe workes bee lett out in private, as before said, by contractors but a weeke at least before the contracte made as publique notice in the partes adjoyninge bee given as may bee of the workes so to bee lett out and contracted for.
- That the contracts bee made as were, as may bee, with workemen as doe usually worke themselves and not with takers who are not workemen but usually employ others for raising an advantage to themselves out of other mens labours, and to declyne the takers heretofore employed, beinge not workemen
- That upon takinge up of any workes in whole or in part, whether by the rod or other perticular contracts, the contractor or one of them and the undersurveyour, together with the clarke of the contracts, shall certifie, under their hands, to the comptroller the quantitye of workes finished and the money payable for the same, of which certificates the clarke of the contracts is to make entry into a booke to bee by him kept and the comptroller thereupon to give warrant to the expendor for payment of the money, which warrant with the parties acquittances, shall bee a sufficient discharge to the expendor for the sums thereupon paid respectively
- That paie daies bee made as often as may bee and the place from tyme to tyme designed by the superintendent and comptroller or one of them as shall bee most convenient in reference to the workes that all payments upon particular contracts, warrants or other agreement, and bee then also made.
- That all sluice workes, bridges, tonnells, and other thinges not beinge rod worke, shall be done by periticular contractes to bee made by the said contractors or one of them, yet not to bee valid till confirmed and signed by the superintendents or one of them, and beinge so made approved and signed. The same are to bee entered with the clarke of the contracts and a copie thereof delivered to the comptroller, and the same beinge certified by one of the contractors and surveyour, or undersurveyour, to bee done accordinge unto contracte, the comptroller shall give warrant unto the expendor for payment thereof accordingly, whose warrant together with the parties requittances upon such contracte shall bee the expendors sufficient discharge for any sums by him paid thereupon.
- That daie workes bee as much spared as may bee, and that workes heretofore

done by the day bee for the future contracted for the great, in which case the contracte is to bee made approved and signed and copies delivered to the comptroller, and the same being certified by one of the contractors and undersurveyour, to be done accordinge unto contracte. The comptroller shall give warrant unto the expeditor for payment thereof accordingly, whose warrant to the expeditor, with the parties acquittances, shall be the expeditors discharge.

- That the suprintendents, or one of them, bee desired from tyme to tyme to bee present as much as may bee at the taking up of the workes and the severall pay daies, and the comptroller espetially to be present at the severall paie daies.
- That Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch and Mr Jessop bee desired to repaire forthwith into the levell and that Sir Cornelius bee desired to take espetiall care touching the new river and banckes thereof and principally the preservation of navigation to and from Cambridge and give the university and towne of Cambridge all in satisfaction they can.
- **[Page 211]** That after observation taken and experimentation of the runninge of the new river and the damming of the old Owse, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden bee desired to deliver a perfecte designe of all such further workes as hee shall conceive necessary for compleatinge the dreyninge of the south levell, to the ende it may receive approbation by five or more of the comptroll and soe bee consummate to the Companie
- That Mr Hamond, Mr Drewry, Mr Latch and Mr Jessop or any two of hem are hereby desired and impowered to take espetiall care in the viewing and examyninge of all contracts which concerne the Companie for any worke done or now doing, as also to cause all the materialls on the new river and bancke as soone as they can bee spared, to be conveyed eyther to Salters Lode or Erith, and all that are to bee spared in the north levell to Guyhurne.
- That all contracts for landes are to bee made by the superintendents, comptrollers or any two of them and all former rules heretofore made are hereby discharged.
- That the expeditor is to issue noe money but by warrant from the comptroller.
- As to the buyinge of materialism, it is left wholly to the superintendents comptroller or any two of them
- That such salleries bee allowed

To the said Jonas Moore surveyour
 Edmund Welsh - contracts
 Arthur Ringwood - contracts
 J Hawkins
 Kelsey
 Robert Pinchclarke
 John Hatton

Clarke of the contracts Thomas Moore 20s a weeke, undersurveyour left to the nomination of the superintendent and comptroller, and his sallary of one Mr Johnson cannot bee had. And the comptroller is to give direction from tyme to tyme to the expeditor for payment of sallaryes

23/04/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Bradley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Page
23/04/52	2	Ordered that Mr Adams, Mr Henley, Mr Fountayne, or any two of them, are desired to take into consideration the letters lately send up by Mr Latch, Mr Jessop and Mr Drewry, and as touchinge the expedience offered in one of them to retorne an answer thereunto as they shall see cause
23/04/52	3	Ordered by the Companie present that an allowance of three poundes a weeke is hereby thought fitt to bee given to the members of the Companie now thought fitt by the resident on the workes for the managing of the workes and they desire the Companie at a fuller meetinge to confirme the same, of which the expendor is to take notice, and this shall bee his warrant for payinge thereof.
23/04/52	4	Memorand that the stoppes and obstructions in the river of Moretons Leame bee forthwith taken away, and removed and it is to bee intimated to the members of the workes.
23/04/52	5	[Page 212] Ordered that whereever the comptroller shall finde contracts made before the late instructions according to the former orders of the Company and those contracts have byn duly performed, it is the intention of the Companie, in such a case, and it is hereby ordered, that the comptroller doe give warrant to issue out moneyes in satisfaction of all such contracts so made and performed
28/04/52	1	Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr Henley, Mr North, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Browne
28/04/52	2	Whereas it was enformed that there was a paie daie (in or nere Well) put of for want of money to pay the workemen, it is ordered that a letter bee by the clarke written to the expendor as followeth viz - I am comanded by the Companie to lett you know that they are enformed that there was a pay daie appointed for workes in the north levell about Well nere three weekes since, which was put of for want of money and that Edward Partherich repayringe to Mr Clampe, your casheere at Lynne, and enforming him thereof on Thursday fortnight last, hee told him hee had no money and that the bills of exchange drawne by him were returned upon him. They therefore desire you to enforme yourselfe touchinge the truth of these thinges and to lett the Companie know whether you had not money in cash at that tyme and what bills of exchange those were which were returned upon Mr Clampe, for the receivor here denys it and theire credit is much impayred by it, of which they are confident you will bee so sensible as to right them in it and lay the fault where it is and to lett them heare from you sodainly hereabouts.
28/04/52	3	Ordered that the next meeting of the Companie is hereby put of untill Monday next which is appointed a daie of sale for all defaulters landes in payinge the last tax due the 25th of March last, and hereforeward the daies of meetinges of the Companie are to bee on Mondayes, Thursdayes and Satterdayes and not upon any other daies untill further order
03/05/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Henley, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr Carill, Mr Staunton, Mr Draper, Mr Bradley, Mr Alex Jones, Mr John Arthur, Mr Gorges, Colonell Jones.
03/05/52	2	[Page 213] Ordered that Thursdaie next bee appointed a day of sale for all defaulters landes as it should have byn on Monday last

03/05/52	3	Ordered (in pursuance of a former order) as soone as Mr Say have procured a warrant under the hand and seale of Sir Arthur Hasselrigge that Mr Walker is hereby desired to repaire to Durham and there make choice of such Scotch prisoners as he shall finde hayle and sounde to bee drawne out for the use and service of the Companie
03/05/52	4	<p>This daie Mr Gorges delivered to the Company severall papers which hee received from the members resident on the workes which were read over, whereupon severall orders were made as followeth.</p> <p>1 Ordered that it bee left to the superintendents and the comptroller to contynue Mr Tench as his deputy and assistant to the comptroll as long as they shall thinke fitt for the advantage of the Companie</p> <p>2 Ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to certifie to Mr Latch the comptroller all the contracts as hee finds to be made according to the former instructions and performed accordingly, and to take care that all such land so contracted for may bee conveyed to the trustees for the benefitt of the Companie</p> <p>3 Ordered that John Cooley bee contynued as an undersurveyour so as hee give good security to the Companie</p> <p>4 The Companie beinge informed that the contracts for the devision dikes have not byn duly entered, it is orders that for the future they bee all entered into a booke to bee kept for that purpose</p>
04/05/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr H Henne, Mr Gorges, Mr Carill
04/05/52	2	Ordered that there bee entertayned three or more undersurveyours as the superintendents and comptroller shall thinke fitt to bee employed in takinge up the workes on the north side of Bedford River, and that they doe severally give good security for the due performance of the said workes which shall bee committed to their respective charges
04/05/52	3	Ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry bee desired to conferre together how to dispose of themselves most for the Companies service, and that they would all reside in the most convenient places on the north side of Bedford River to the intent they may respectively have an eie to the Companies affayres and to the best management thereof
04/05/52	4	[Page 214] Whereas there hath byn some miscarriage in makinge the Devision Dike nere Oxwillow Lode, whereby 600 acres in Westmore in the 2nd and 3rd lott, belonginge to Mr Carill, is not by a sufficient ditch yet diked and divided from the Comon. Upon the motion of Mr Carill, it is ordered that it bee recommended to the superintendent to cause the same to be forthwith scrowred out to the depth of 5 foote accordinge to other dikes of the like nature, wyther by the former takers thereof or in their default, by a new contract for the same. And the superintendents are also desired to examyn by whose default the same hath not byn hitherto done, and to certifie the names of such as have done it in, sufficient to the ende the Companie may have to remedy against them, in case they will not finish there contract.
04/05/52	5	Ordered that for the future all contracts for the devision dikes be fayrely entered into a booke to bee kept for that purpose

- 04/05/52 6 Ordered that it bee left to the superintendents and comptroller to directe whether the contractor and surveyour shall severally have power to take up workes, as well as jointly, but the Companie doe conceive it most convenient that a surveyour bee at the takinge up of the worke, as also that it bee left to the superintendent and comptroller to contract with the parties for fennes where the Adventurers banckes doe crosse their old fennes
- 04/05/52 7 Ordered that the superintendents bee desired, with the assistance of the director, to take speedy course in carryinge way the West Water to its proper outfall.
- 04/05/52 8 Ordered an answer to Sir Cornelius Vermuydens paper as followeth:
- 1 To the 3 demandes made by the towne of Swavy, the Companie agree to what hath hyn offered against to the 1st and 3rd demande but to their 2nd demand viz - for a sasse to transport their goodes from the towne instead of a sluice, it is referred to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to resolve what to doe therein, or else what answer shall bee made to the Companie upon comptroll.
- 2 For satisfaction for damage the towne of Ramsey demand, the Companie rather expecte satisfaction from them for cutting of turffe and other injuries
- 3 Touching Mr Collins his bancke on the backe side of Peterborough, it is recommended to the superintendent and comptroller to lett the same, or in case of any difficulty therein, to send up the state of the case to the Companie
- 4 For the howse sett downe without leave upon the Waldersey bancke, the Companie desire the superintendent and comptroller to examyn by what authority it was fitt, the tyme when and by whome, as also to consider of an expedient for preservation of all banckes in generall.
- 04/05/52 9 Ordered that a letter bee forthwith sent downe by an expresse to the superintendent and comptroller with the severall orders made this day and yesterday.
- [Page 215]** Mr John Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carill, Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr Staunton, Alderman Underwood, Mr Gorges, Mr Browne, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Culpeper, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Henry Hen
- 04/05/52 10 The Company, beinge informed that the earth remayninge and cast upon the south side of the new Bedford River to supply the place of a foreland nere unto the dam by the Hermitage at Erith is very loose and false, and there, in respecte thereof and of the uneven course of the river thereabouts, the said earth will bee in danger to bee washed away to the prejudice and stopping of the said river. It is therefore referred to the superintendents to consider and advise how the said earth may bee best secured from washinge into the said river by piles, hurdles, wazinge or otherwise, and to give order for the speedie doinge thereof according as they shall finde most advantageous to the said river.
- 04/05/52 11 To the ende all workes heretofore contracted for may bee duly taken up and that Mr Latch the comptroller may have a certaine rule to proceede by in the warranting of payments upon old contracts, ordered that all workes performed or to bee performed upon old contracts shall be taken up by such one or more of the undersurveyours, as the superintendents shall in that behalfe designe, in presence of the clarke of the contracts, as oft as hee can bee spared, and that upon Mr Hamonds certifying his allowance of such contracts (as are made accordinge to the Companies instructions) and a certificate from such one or more of the undersurveyours designed, as

aforesaid, together with the clarke of the contracts, as oft as bee can bee spared, touching the performance of such contracts or any part thereof and the sums payable for the same, the said Mr Latch be empowered to issue his warrant to the expeditor and for the payment of such moneyes as shall bee certfyed with promise nevettheles in all such cases to the expeditor, that the money, so to bee paid, doe not exceede the whole sum due upon the contracte.

- 04/05/52 12 Ordered that upon the certificate of Mr Kelsey and of such other person as the superintendents shall from tyme to tyme appointe touchinge the number of Scotts, upon the musters and the moneyes due for their lodgings, Mr Latch the Comptroller may from tyme to tyme issue his warrant to the expeditor for payment of such proportion of money to be for the Scotts, as hath byn usually allowed them formerly for their paie, and also of such moneyes as shall bee so certified to bee due and owinge for their lodgings
- 04/05/52 13 The Company takinge notice that Mr John Turner hath upon severall occasions manifested a goode respecte to the Companies service, it is referred to the superintendents, as they shall have occasion to retorne him a civill acknowledgement thereof, as also **[Page 216]** the Company also to give him all fitt satisfaction in reference to the contracte for the howses to be sett upon the banke att Moretons Leame, and Mr Latch the comptroller is desired to issue his warrant to the expeditor, as well for payment of that they shall so finde fitt, as of such sallary as shall appeare by the Companies orders to bee due unto him, and it is further ordered that the said Mr Turner bee contynued upon the same terms for another yeare. And the superintendents are desired to recomende to his best care the Companies banckes, formerly referred to his charge.
- 04/05/52 14 Whereas a due observing of the condition of the bankes and workes upon the levell and a seasonable and tymley representinge thereof to the Companie or the superintendents, may be of great concernment to the securinge therein, it is referred to the superintendents to consider seriously what officers are necessarily to be contynued upon the severall parts of the levell in order to the well lookinge unto the said bankes and workes, and perticularly whereof it will bee necessary to contynue Mr Richard Kendall about Croyland and to report their opinon in this behalfe to the Company.
- 04/05/52 15 Mr Jessop, giving the Companie an account (among other thinges) that, in pursuance of their instructions, hee had deteyned and sealed up the bookes and contracts and papers lately restinge in the handes of Mr Tench and referring to the comptroll, and that hee hath left the same so sealed up in the hands of Mr Thomas Life of Downham, and whereas the Company have left it to the superintendents to contynue Mr Tench in the Companies service if they shall finde it necessary, it is ordered that the bookes, contracts and papers so sealed up bee delivered to the handes of Mr Latch, the comptroller who is desired to cause the same to bee distinctly inventoryed by the clarke of the contracts and to keepe the same bookes, contracts and papers in his handes for the use of the Companie giving liberty nevertheles to Mr Tench from tyme to tyme to make his addresse to any of them in presence of Mr Latch. To the ende the same may bee made use of as there shall bee cause for the Companies service, and a copie of the said inventory is to bee transmitted to the Companie and another copie to bee entered by the clarke of the contracts
- 04/05/52 16 Ordered that the respective undersurveyours doe from tyme to tyme fayrely enter into a booke all such contracts as they shall proceed upon for the taking up of workes, and the quantite of the workes so taken up and the bounded thereof to which ende a copie of the contractes is to bee delivered them by the clarke of the contracts, and

the superintendents are desired to give order accordingly.

- 04/05/52 17 **[Page 217]** Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond dated 4th May instant, and upon receipt of the report touching Glatton and Holme, and a letter from Mr Pedley, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to the superintendent and comptroller as followeth viz -
- I have by comand of the Companie, here enclosed, sent you severall orders made this daie and because there is mention made in the instructions of an order of the 15th of Jan last, it was a mistake and therefore bee desired Mr Hamond by a letter sent unto him last weeke that hee would bee pleased to certifie it by making it the 15 March last, which orders were sent down to Mr Hamond 29th Aprill last, yet not withstanding I have again sent them, here also enclosed. The Companie yesterday sent a letter from Mr Hamond together with a report about Glatton and Holme and a letter from Mr Pedley touchinge the same, upon which they had yesterday a long debate and doe meete again on Saterdag next purposely to perfecte it. In the mean tyme as to that part of Mr Hamonds letter which concerns the Sutton men, the Companie desire to bee informed whether they pressed him to pay the money for their landes cut away and the tyme when, and whether it were before the 19 February last or since. If it were since they have transgressed the order of the Companie and have abused both the Companie and Mr Hamond. As to the other part of the letter for the opening the little river on the bankside of the towne of Wisbech, the Companie desire you would keepe them on to the 1st proposition, to doe it at their charge by collection or otherwise, and the Companie are content to goe on with the work at their charge as far as Mr Hamond hath propounded to meete them.
- 04/05/52 18 Ordered that Mr Henley, Mr Carill and Mr Jessop or any two of them, bee desired to meete tomorrow at 8 a clocke to examyn and prepare the severall orders made this daie and the letter that is to be sent down to the superintendent and comptroller.
- 08/05/52 1 Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr Stanton
- 08/05/52 2 Whereas Mr Carill moved the Companie in regard hee has, at his owne charge, made a devision dike conteyninge 682 rod and 1/2 and had paid after the rate of 16d a rod for the doing thereof, that the Companie would allow it him againe, whereupon it is thought fitt and hereby ordered that Mr Carill shall bee allowed after the rate of 14d a pole for the said 682 1/2 and that the expendor doe pay him accordingly
- 08/05/52 3 Whereas reading a petition on Henry Fynnimoore, as also a warrant under the handes of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond, it appeared that the petition was employed to oversee and defend the south banke of Moretons Leam from the overtoe to Elderwell and from Elderwell to the overtoe, it was prayed that the Companie would allow him a sallary for the said service, whereupon **[Page 218]** it is ordered that it bee referred to Mr Hamond to examyn what money hee hath already received and what money is fitt to bee given him more for his paines, that it may bee forthwith paid unto him by the expendor that there may bee noe further cause complaint. And a letter is to bee sent to Mr Hamond who is also to consider what is fitt to bee allowed him for the future if hee shall bee thought fitt to be fully imployed.
- 14/05/52 1 Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Mr William Weston, Mr Hampson, Mr North, Mr Alepand Jones, Alderman Underwood, Mr Henry Hen, Mr Carill, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Neale, Colonell Jones, Mr William Crane, Mr Stanton, Mr Bradley, Mr Draper, Mr Browne

14/05/52	2	Upon readinge of a paper delivered in this daie by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden touchinge the severall workes proposed therein to bee done, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to the superintendent and Mr Latch with a copie thereof there enclosed, to whome it is referred, to see the said workes speedily done as they see cause with such alterations as they shall thinke fitt
14/05/52	3	The Companie takinge into debate the cutt made by Colonell Waltons direction in Porland bancke and the prejudice thereby received to the whole north levell, it is ordered that Sir Cornlelius Vermuyden bee desired to draw up the state of the case and the matter of facte touchinge the same, and forthwith present it in writinge to the Companie
14/05/52	4	Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe take all possible care in settinge men on worke for the speedy finishinge of new Ouse, and the next day after that river is bottomed, to open the dam.
14/05/52	5	Ordered that the superintendent and Mr Larch doe care that the bridge att the Hermitage bee sett downe forthwith and that the foundation thereof bee speedily layd that so the Country may have noe cause of complaintt.
14/05/52	6	A petition of the inhabitants of the towne of Sutton in the Isle was read over whereby it was praide that there may bee a speedy stop made of dikinge out 175 acres of north and south meadlandes and that the Companie would take a proportion out of every mans grownd as it lyes and sell every mans part or take a yearly rent for the said 175 acres, whereupon it is ordered that the said petition bee referred to Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry and, in regard, the interest in the said landes is vested in Mr Latch and other perticular men. It is espetially recommended to Mr Latch who is desired to treat with the said petitioners and give them (as much as in him lyes) all just satisfaction therein.
14/05/52	7	[Page 219] Upon reading another petition of the inhabitants of the said towne of Sutton whereby it was proposed that they might have severall bridges made for their convenient passages, and that speedie order bee given for lettinge out the water from the south side into new owse, and likewise that satisfaction bee made for 95 acres of land cut up in Bedford River, whereupon it is ordered that the said petition bee referred to the consideration of the superintendents, and Mr Latch and they, or any two of them, are desired to enforme the Companie whether any of the bridges desired to bee made by the petition, are fitt to bee made by the Company and whether that bridge allready sett downe is not sufficient for their passage. And as to the 95 acres, the Companie did conceive they had formerly received satisfaction therein, it beinge done longe before the Acte of Parliament for dreyninge and therefore they conceive they can make noe order therein.
14/05/52	8	Ordered that as soone as new Bedford river doe run, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, with the approbation of Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry, or any two of them, doe immediately pursue the effectual preservation of the navigation to and from Cambridge, and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired forthwith to send up the designe of the workes for dreyninge hee intends upon the south side of the levell to receive the approbation of the comptroll.
14/05/52	9	The Companie beinge informed that Mr Mingay was come to towne, ordered that Mr Gorges and Mr William Crane be desired on the Companies behalfe to retorne him thanks for his paynes taken at the refference about Glatton and Holme, and Mr Gorges is to desire the Earl of Bedford to write a letter to Mr Turner to meete Mr Mingay in Fridaie come sennight next

15/05/52	1	Colonell Robert Castell, Mr William Crane, Captain North, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Gorges
15/05/52	2	Ordered by the Companie now present that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden doe immediately repayre into the Great Levell of the Fennes to give direction for all such workes as are speedily to be done
15/05/52	3	Upon reading a letter from Mr Trafford directed to Mr Henley touchinge defects in the Sheyre Dreyne, as also touchinge two sluces set thereon, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to the superintendent and Mr Latch with a copie of the said letter, and it is espetially recomended to Mr Latch who is desired to examyne who it was that tooke up the workes at the Sheyre Dreyne and who it was that certified they were done accordinge to contracte. And which was the season of the yeare will admitt, the Companie would have all expedition allowed in bottominge the river and it is left to Mr Latch to take care it may bee done prevent further cost and expence and to employ about the same such as hee shall thinke fitt.
15/05/52	4	[Page 220] And as to Goodman Digli, a person named in that it is recomended to Mr Latch to give him recompence for that hee hath disbursed in looking to the sluice and likewise give him a reward for the future
15/05/52	5	Upon readinge another letter from Mr Drewry, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond to call on the townes of Glatton and Holme for the £100 to be paid the Companie for the last yeare as also £95 for this yeare. And that hee would importune Mr Woodfull to send up to the Companie a perticular account of the money hee have received for lettinge out the Adventurers landes on the north side of Bedford River, and whose land hee hath lett out, that so every perticular Adventurer, therein concerned, may receive satisfaction <i>pro rata</i> and they desire noe further delay may be in it
15/05/52	6	Whereas Mr Moore hath byn ordered to lett out all the devision dikes forthwith to bee diked, the Companie doe hereby order his speedy progres therein, but so as hee doe first of all settle the just proportion of each peece belonginge to the Adventurers, so as where there is any wanting it to bee supplied where any exceeds, it to bee defaulted. And where there are any meres, sumps, pitts and fore lands upon any part of the 95000 acres, allowance bee taken therefore accordinge to the order of the 29 March last and this to bee done before hee doe lett out any of the devision dikes aforesaid, and this order Mr Latch is desired to communicate to Mr Moore.
17/05/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Henley, Mr William Weston, Mr Carill, Mr John Russell, Mr Forster
17/05/52	2	Mr Jessop acquainted the Companie that there was lately charged upon him a bill of £3500 by Mr Westhorpe, one of the superintendents, and that hee had no advice thereof from the expendor himselfe or Mr Clampe his deputy, whereupon the Companie had some debate and ordered that Mr Jessop doe accept of the bill as to £2000 part thereof and the other part beinge £1500 is to bee paid upon advice given to Mr Jessop, eyther from the expendor or Mr Clampe his deputye, that the said whole £3500 is charged on account to the expendor and Mr Jessop is desired to write a letter unto him accordingly
17/05/52	3	Ordered that a letter bee sent to the superintendent and Mr Latch as followeth The Companie were informed this daie by Mr Jessop that hee is lately charged with a bill of £3500 by Mr Westhorpe and the Companie, upon discourse with Mr Jessop,

doe understand that there is no lesse then £6000 allready in cash in the expeditors handes, which makes the Companie wonder thereat, in regard there is so little neede thereof and therefore they desire you would seriously take the same into consideration how to prevent the like for the future and Mr Latch the comptroller is perticularly desired to send up word to the Companie how the cash standes and how it is expended. And with all that you would take espetiall care that in pursuance of the late instructions,- paie daies bee made as often as may bee, **[Page 221]** whereby the Companie credit may in this respecte, as in all others, bee vindicated and preserved. I am also by comande from the Companie to acquaint you that the inhabitants of Manea doe complaine for want of a bridge and a way to the markett at Elie and their parish church. The Companie therefore desire you would advice with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden what is fitt for them to doe herein and to send up speedy word. Lastly, I am comanded to put Mr Latch in mynde for puttinge the order in execution lately sent downe for the bottominge the Sheyre dreyne and perfecting what is to bee done therein in order to the makinge of it a substantiall dreyne that all possible expedition may bee used therein that the season of the yeare may not bee past.

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| 17/05/52 | 4 | Ordered that the Comittee for to consider the taxeing the 10000 acres bee desired to meete and bring in their report to the Companie with all convenient speede. |
| 17/05/52 | 5 | Mr Palmer delivered in a petition to the Companie whereupon hee beinge called in, the Companie did demand of him whether hee would accept a sallary such as other undersurveyours which hee refused, alledginge hee was out of purse for the Companie and would not abate anythinge of £100 per annum for his former sallary |
| 17/05/52 | 6 | A petition of Thomas Whyne and Katherine his wife read over upon which the Companie thought first to retorne this answer, that they are not able to doe them right herein, but that hee must address himselfe by petition to the Comissioners who meete in the Middle Temple Hall 7th daie after the ende of this terme and are enabled in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament to doe the petitions all right herein. And (if the complaint prove true) the Companie will also wyn with the petitioner therein. |
| 20/05/52 | 1 | Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Benjamyn Weston, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Draper, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Allen, Captain North, Mr Cory, Mr Gorges, Mr Carill, Mr William Crane, Colonell Castell, Mr Page, Mr Gale, Mr Hampson, Mr Neale, Mr Browne |
| 20/05/52 | 2 | Whereas the Companie were enformed by a letter Mr Thurloe lately received from Richard Kendall of Croyland, dated 17th of May last, that Colonell Walton had given leave for the townesmen of the towne to cutt the bancke at the north side of the towne by which meanes the waters of Welland have free passage into the levell to the great prejudice of the Companie, and as they conceive contrary to the Acte of Parliament for dreyninge, whereupon it is ordered that the superintendent and Mr Latch bee desired to make dillgent search and (if by any meanes they may) enquire out the name of names of all such person or persons that have made the attempt and forthwith to send them up the the Companie. And they are further desired to see the said cutt speedily dammed up (if it cannot yet bee done), as also to appointe some honest men for the future may take care and looke to the preservinge of the levell. |
| 20/05/52 | 3 | [Page 222] Ordered that it bee refferred to the superintendents and Mr Latch to consider what it will cost to make a bridge over the 19 foote dreyne at Holme (that the Country receive satisfaction therein) and they are desired to certifie the same to the Companie whereupon such further order shall bee made as the Companie shall thinke fitt |

20/05/52	4	<p>Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to draw up the draught of a letter to Colonell Walton touching the aforesaid cutt at the northe ende of the bancke att Croyland which is as followeth viz -</p> <p>The Companie of Adventurers, takinge notice of the great charge they have willingly undergone att your request makinge the bancke from Croyland to Brother howse when a banke at Porland might have byn equally serviceable to the dreyninge and byn finished at a farr lesse expence, in consideration whereof a rent of £60 was agreed upon which they thinke hath not byn paid and considering that the dreyne at Clowes Crosse was made but in proportion to the waters of the Great Levell and will bee unable to carry awaie more, much lesse those in Porland, beinge so vast a quantity and lyinge two foote above the levell and doubtinge that some may bee apt for their perticular interest to promotinge the cuttinge of Porland banke, in order to the issuinge of those waters through the levell, which will have very prejudiciall influence thereupon and hazard the drowninge thereof, and beinge this daie informed by a letter from one of their officers that you have lately given leave to the townesmen of Croyland to cut the banke at the north ende of the towne, that the waters of Welland may have free passage into the levell, which may not onely produce the like effectes as the other but may also bee interpreted to bee contrary to the Acte of Parliament and so beget a construction very inconvenient to the Companie and knowinge with all how apt some may be to make an acte of the nature their president for the like in other places, which will much infirme the Companie affayres and beinge confident of your good and noble affection to the worke wherein, they are engaged both in reference to the publike and their owne private concernment, they have comanded mee to offer to your consideration the perticulers forgoinge with their desire that you will please not give way or countenance to the keepinge of any cut thereupon, or to the further cuttinge the bankes in eyther places before mentioned but rather to promote the makinge up of what is allready cutt to prevent the likes for the future as you shall have opportunitye.</p>
20/05/52	5	<p>Upon the motion of Sir Edward Partherich, the Companie doe hereby order that hee shall have leave to make a devision dike in Racke Fen to devide his proportion of land from the Country and the Companie will at the next adjudication of the Commissioners pay him the mony hee shall disburse for the doinge thereof, so as the said Sir Edward Partherich doe at that tyme leave and yeild up the said dike to the Companie in as good condition as the same shall have byn done by the Companie</p>
22/05/52	1	<p>Mr Gorges, Mr North, Mr Willam Weston, Alderman Underwood, Mr William Crane, Mr Henley Snr, Earl of Bedford, Colonell Castell, Mr B Arthur, Mr Trenchard, Mr Stanton</p>
22/05/52	2	<p>[Page 223] Whereas the Companie have had notice from diverse persons of the great complaintt and clamour hath byn a longe tyme made in the Country for want of money, and severall letters have byn sent up to the Company touchinge the same, allthough it is very well knowne there have byn a considerable some of money constantly remayninge in cash in the Country which doth very much reflecte upon the credit of the Companie, whereupon takinge the same seriously into consideration the Companie doe hereby order that notice bee given to all their officers whatsoever in the Country to meete at a certaine tyme and place to bee nominated by the superintendent and Mr Latch, that due examination bee made thereof and the cause and grownd of this unjust complaintt finde, that not onely the reputation of the Companie may be vindicated herein but also such further order taken therein as the Companie shall thinke fitt and Mr Jessop is hereby desired to send downe an extracte of what moneyes have byn issued.</p>

22/05/52	3	<p>Ordered that a letter bee written to the expeditor touchinge a sum of money hath byn unpaid for backfloores viz -</p> <p>The Companie have received notice that upon the accoumpt audited in Jan last, you paid the backfloores for the landside upon the 3rd reach of new Bedford River, beinge betwixt Sismore and Mepall, the sum of £201.16.00 and that upon the same reach you have since paid upon the same account, much of it to the same persons, £43.13.03, they therefore desire to know by what warrant the said latter sum was paid and how you received satisfaction that the said backfloores were duly taken up so as noe part thereof was twice paid for, which beinge all I have in charge at present to trouble you with I remayne.</p>
22/05/52	4	<p>Whereas the Companie, takinge notice that there workes in the Country are now brought to some considerable perfection, and findinge that Mr Burtons sallary is very great and chargeable to the Companie, doe therefore order that his sallary shall cease and that the superintendent and comptroller doe treate with the said Mr Burton upon what termes hee will serve with the Companie for the future and to reduce the said to as low a rate as they can and certifie the Companie thereof, and untill some further agreement made by the Companie with the said Mr Burton, Edmund Welsh and Anthony Ringwood are to acte and doe what the [Page 224] said Mr Burton was formerly to have done but no contracte to bee made shall bee valid or effectuall but as such as are confirmed by one of the superintendents accordinge the the Companys instructions of 13 Aprill last and Mr Burton is to have notice of this order from the superintendents or one of them.</p>
22/05/52	5	<p>Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that, in pursuance of an order of the 13 May instant, hee bee desired to send up to the Companie that state of the case touchinge the cut at Croyland and that hee bee also desired to meete the commission in the Middle Temple Hall the next Monday in Whitson at 2 a clocke in the afternoone, touchinge the same</p>
22/05/52	6	<p>Whereas some cattle were lately impownded for beinge upon part of Mr Thomas Alleyns his Adventurers landes in or nere Ramsey upon which a <i>replevim</i> was brought by the owner or owners thereof, the Companie, takinge the same into consideration, doe thinke fitt and hereby order that Mr Spaldinge bee reteyned attorney for the said Mr Alleyn and Mr Sergeant Glyn, Sergeant Barnard, Sir Thomas Witherington and Sergeant Earle of his councell, and it is ordered that all expence touchinge this busines and all other of the like nature for tithe of land shall be at the charge of the whole Companie, but noe tryall as aforesaid shall be at the Companies charge unlesse they bee first made acquainted therewith.</p>
22/05/52	7	<p>Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to paie unto Colonell Castell the sum of thyrtye poundes for which shall bee his warrant and discharge.</p>
22/05/52	8	<p>Ordered that Mr Henley and Mr Jessop bee desired to looke over the accounts as touchinge the arreres of Mr George Smiths sallary and report the state of the case to the Companie on Monday next whereupon such further order shall bee made as the Company thinke fitt</p>
27/05/52	1	<p>Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Mr Carill, Mr Alepand Jones, Alderman Underwood, Mr Browne, Mr Neale, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr B Arthur, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Woodward, Mr Bradley</p>
27/05/52	2	<p>The Companie beinge informed that Colonell Walton is now in towne doe hereby order that Mr Fountayne and Mr Thurloe bee desired to speake with him touchinge</p>

the bancke lately cutt at Croyland whereby the Companie may receive satisfaction therein

- 27/05/52 3 Ordered that Satterdaie morninge and Monday in the afternoone bee the tymes in the weeke appointed for meetinges of the Companie and also Thursday in the afternoone, accordinge to former order and upon other daies untill further order.
- 27/05/52 4 **[Page 225]** Ordered that Colonell Walton and Mr Trenchard, Mr Say and Mr Thurloe bee desired to speake with the Committee of the Army appointed to consider of laying taxes, and in the name of the Companie to offer £1000 a yeare in lieu of taxes to the Commonwealth in consideration where of that the Countrie may not lay taxes upon any part of the 95000 acres designed to them by Acte of Parliament.
- 29/05/52 1 Mr Henley, Mr B Arthur, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Castell, Mr Drewry
- 29/05/52 2 Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden bee desired to consider whether it bee not fitt to sett downe a sasse or sluice nere the south overtoe in regard the Companie are enformed there is a great store of cole seed sowne there abouts that so the same may bee preserved and if hee shall thinke it fitt to bee done, it is further ordered that it bee sett down accordingly
- 29/05/52 3 Upon the motion of Mr Drewry on the behalfe of the Country that there are several Scotch women bigge with child amongst the workmen and therefore desire the Companie order on some course taken to free the Country from charge, and also moved that the Scotch prisoners that are now remayninge may be sett on worke by the great, whereupon it is ordered accordingly and left to the superintendents and Mr Latch or any one of them to set the price of such worke as they shall doe, and as to the Scotch women the Companie will at a fuller meeting on Mondaie next debate the same
- 03/06/52 1 Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Henley, Mr Woodward, Captain North, Mr William Weston, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henry Henne, Mr John Russell, Mr Trenchard, Mr Draper
- 03/06/52 2 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth viz -
- The Companie takinge notice by your letter of the last of May of the ryott committed by the women have taken the same into consideration and are very sensible of the great affront offered unto them, and doe much wonder you did not enquire after the names of the women and prosecute the business with such effect as they hope you would have done. They doe now therefore desire you, without further delay, to take care to examyn and enquire who were the actors, contrivors and abettors thereof and forthwith convene them before Mr Rant or the next justice of the peace to the intent they may bee prosecuted accordinge to law and made examples for others that shall dare to attempt the like for the future. Your letter serves to intimate an intention to engage the Companie in doinge of workes on the south side of Bedford River, notwithstandinge all their former orders to the contrary and without their approbation. Although the Companie have often tymes declared their dissent thereunto untill Sir Cornlius Vermuyden has sent up his design of the workes hee intends to doe, they doe againe declare they will not give consent to the doinge of any workes on the south side of Bedford River, onely in order to the navigation to **[Page 226]** Cambridge untill they have a certaine assurance that the workes on the north side are completed and the designe brought in and approved. The Companie doe also desire you to send upward what perticular workes you have designed to bee

done on the river or grant an order to the navigation to Cambridge and what workes are requisite to bee done in more perticular terms then is expressed in your letter. The Companie desire to know upon what growndes Mr Latch and Mr Drewry (as we are informed) gave leave to George Hume and James Hewston, two Scotch prisoners to goe into Scotland, and with all to know the reason why the clothes sent downe were not delivered out to all such Scotch prisoners as doe want clothes and are willinge to worke. The Companie intend on Satterday next to have a more publike meeting and then more carefully answer you letter, in the meantyme I rest.

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| 05/06/52 | 1 | Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley, Mr William Weston, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Thomas Alleyn. Mr Gorges, Mr Browne, Mr Culpeper |
| 05/06/52 | 2 | Ordered that Mr Hales and Mr Alleyn bee added to Mr Sergeant Glynn, Sergeant Barnard, Sir Thomas Witherington and Mr Sergeant Earl, formerly by order of the 22nd May last to bee reteyned of councell for Mr Alleyn touching the tithe of land upon a <i>replevum</i> brought. And they or any too of them are hereby desired to meete together and consult what plea is most advantageous to bee drawne in regard the same concernes the whole Companie and they are desired to doe the same with all convenient expedition. |
| 05/06/52 | 3 | Upon readinge the petition of William Watts, keeper of the sasse at Stanground, the Companie doe conceive the petitioner hath as much bancke still for someringe his kine as formerly had and did accept of, which hee does not now accept of the Companie will provide answer, that nevertheles they leave it to the superintendent and Mr Latch doe therein as they shall see cause. |
| 10/06/52 | 1 | Mr Gorges, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Adams, Mr Henry Hen, Mr Vermuyden |
| 10/06/52 | 2 | [Page 226] Ordered that a letter bee sent to the expeditor as followeth viz

The Companie are informed by Mr Jessop that the money which remayned in cash when hee was late below, with that since drawne and paid by taxes, amounts to £8600 and therefore you are desired to forbear the charginge of any further bills till (upon advice what moneyes have byn issued for their service since the last auditt in Aprill) they shall see cause to give other order |
| 10/06/52 | 3 | Memorand. That a letter bee written to Mr Latch with a copie of the said letter sent enclosed, and to signifie that the Companie doe expecte a weekly correspondence by letter form him. |
| 12/06/52 | 1 | Mr Henley, Mr Trenchard, Mr Herring, Mr Gorges, Mr Culpeper, Mr John Russell, Mr William Weston |
| 12/06/52 | 2 | Mr Bell moved the Companie to make severall bridges at Wellney, whereupon the Companie retorned answer they would take the same into consideration on Monday next, there beinge then appointed a generall meetinge of the whole Companie |
| 12/06/52 | 3 | Ordered that noe private busines bee had on Monday next but that the generall business of the Companie bee then insisted upon |
| 14/06/52 | 1 | Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr Draper, Mr Alleyn, Mr Gale, Mr Gorges, Mr John Russell, Mr Stanton, Mr Page, Mr William Weston, Mr Henry Henn, Mr Foutayne, Mr Vermuyden |

14/06/52	2	Ordered that Mr Richard Kendall bee contynued as overseers of the workes in or about Croyland and hee is to take care of the workes from Croyland to Crowes Crosse, and give the Companie from tyme to tyme an account thereof
14/06/52	3	Upon debate about bridges and highways, it is ordered that the Companie doe name Comissioners on their part, and the Country are desired to doe the like that so there may bee an accomodation between the Companie and them by directinge and appointinge such wayes and bridges to bee made, as by St Ives law is sett forth and declared, and not otherwise
14/06/52	4	Memorand that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to sett under his hand what workes are fitt to bee done in order to the preservation of navigation to Cambridge
14/06/52	5	[Page 227] Whereas the Companie, takinge into consideration a letter lately received from Mr Hamond of the 10th June instant whereby he propounded to the Companie, and does undertake, that for the sum of £2500 all the workes on the south side of Bedford river will bee perfected and so the whole levell dreyned, whereupon the Companie doe hereby order that a letter be forthwith written to Mr Hamond to signifie to him that if he bee satisfyed therein that the said sum of £2500 shall bee paid into his handes for the perfectinge of the said workes, who is hereby impowered and authorised upon his demand without any further order to receive the sum from the expeditor and to issue out the same from tyme to tyme and this order shall bee sufficient warrant to Mr Latch to give warrant for payment thereof by the expeditor and for the expeditor to paie the same but the Companie do resolve and declare that they will not issue out any more money upon the workes on the southside
14/06/52	6	<p>Upon reading of a letter from Mr Latch, it is ordered that a letter bee sent unto the expeditor as followeth viz -</p> <p>The Companie have received information from below that their affayres have byn much obstructed, their owne reputation wounded and the life of their agents endangered through the clamour of workemen caused by pretence that there hath not been sufficient money in the Country to answer the emergencies of the pay days, and that the workemen have byn put to much attendence and losse of tyme by reason of the proportion of money brought by the officers to the place of pay hath byn much short of what was necessary, and by spetiall order to bee provided, particularly that on the nineteenth of this instant, that £1500 beinge appointed to bee brought to Erith and Mr Dymond brought £800 which did not onely dismiss many of the people with great expense and dissatisfaction but also begot constinations that the cause of their non payment was from the Companie agents who were therefore exclaymed upon, curst and threatened and might pished in the outrage. Of this the Companie have commanded mee give you notice and to put in minde that noe colour hath byn given for their pretence by a reall want of money, you knowinge there hath byn constantly in your handes a surplusage above what was from tyme to tyme at the present necessary, and therefore they cannot but thinke themselves ill dealt with by you not preventinge this mischief. They looking upon you as the person chargeable and attributing this inconvenience to your owne default, though happily the faylor did, in parte, arise from the neglecte of some by you entrusted. In this matter they expecte from you a speedy account which is all I have in charge at present.</p>
17/06/52	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Jnr, Mr Gorges, Mr B Weston, Mr W Weston, Mr North, Mr Draper, Mr Alleyn, Mr Alderman Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr Partherich, Mr Hering, Mr Browne

17/06/52	2	[Page 228] Ordered that Mr Richard Kendall shall have five poundes paid unto him by M Jessop receivor of the Companie for his charges in cominge up with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden about the cutt at Croyland and this shall bee the receivers warrant in that behalfe
17/06/52	3	Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond directed to Mr Browne, the sollicitor, touchinge the state of planks and materials, it is ordered that it bee referred to Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry or any two of them. And they are hereby desired to treat with the parties if they are willing to submitt, and on the behalfe of the Companie to accept of such satisfaction as they shall thinke fitt.
18/06/52	1	Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Henley, Mr Walker, Mr Henry Henne, Mr William Weston, Mr Gorges, Mr Browne
18/06/52	2	Memorand that on Monday next Mr Henley and Mr Jessop are desired to make their report to the Companie as touching the arrears of Mr George Smiths salary and the Clarke is to looke out the severall orders against that tyme
21/06/52	5	[Page 229] Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley Snr, Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Henry Hedd, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr North, Mr William Weston, Mr Browne, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Lukins, Mr Jessop, Colonell Underwood, Mr Bradley, Mr Neale
21/06/52	6	Whereas there have byn severall courses taken for composinge of differences betweene the Companie and the towne of Over, touchinge their lande prejudiced in order to the workes of dreyninge, and other differences, the same beinge this day taken into consideration, it is ordered that Mr Hamond and Mr Walker bee hereby named commissioned on behalfe of the Companie who are desired to treat with commissioners to be named by the inhabitants of the said towne to accommodate the said differences (if possible may bee) or otherwise to certifie the Companie how they finde the same, whereupon some further order shall bee taken therein as shall bee meete.
21/06/52	7	Ordered that Mr Jessop the receivor bee desired to take care that the sum of £3 bee paid unto Mr Johnson surveyour that was desired to meete the Companie at St Ives towards his charges
25/06/52	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Walker, Colonell Castell, Mr Henne, Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr North, Mr William Weston, Mr William Crane, Mr Stanton, Mr Alleyn, Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Neale, Mr Browne
25/06/52	2	Ordered that the order of the Companie made the 5th day of December last touchinge the stoppage of the diking out of Sutton Meadlands bee revoked and made void, and the said landes are to bee diked out accordinge to the law of sewers made at St Ives.
25/06/52	3	Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond of the 10th of June instant, it is ordered that on Satterdaie morninge next the Companie resolve to take the same into consideration
25/06/52	4	Mr Henley and Mr Jessop made their report in writinge to the Companie touching the arrears of Mr George Smiths salary which beinge read over, the Companie, takinge the said into consideration, doe declare that in regard hee was severall tymes absent they thinke not fitt to allow any money pretended to be due

25/06/52	5	Whereas Robert Wingfield Esqr has a proportion of 287 acres of Adventurers landes in the 10th lott and lately dyinge hath left Anthony Wingfield and infant his heir, and thereas Thomas [Page 230] Crosman of London, salter, hath represented his desire to undertake the management of the said 287 acres for the use and benefit of the said infant, so as the same may bee sold to him in trust for the said infant for the 15d tax payable for the said land on the 26th of Aprill last beinge now due and in arreare, undertaking also to assurance, convey the said premisses eyther to the said Anthony Wingfield or to such guardian as the said Anthony Wingfield shall choose and nominate or to his heires, and toe bee accomptable for the profitts of the premisses to the said Anthony Wingfield and his heirs or to the said guardian, so as the said Anthony Wingfield, within one yeare after his cominge of age of 21 yeares, or such guardian within one yeare after, such choice and nomination made of the heires of the said Anthony Wingfield shall satisfie and allow to be said Thomas Crosman the money hee shall so expend for the said arreare of tax and all such other thinges as hee shall disburse for the manninge and improvement of the said landes with interest for the same, now forasmuch as the last tax of 15d an acre due and payable the 26 of Aprill last for the said 287 acres is hitherto unpaid to the prejudice of the Companie and forasmuch as the said 287 acres beinge this day exposed to sale, the said Mr Thomas Crosman offered £17.18.9 for the purchase thereof, beinge the arreare tax unpaid as aforesaid, and hath agreed to paie all future taxes for the same, in consideration thereof and of the offer so made by the said Thomas Crosman and for as much as it beinge there propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase of the said landes, the Companie present, in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 287 acres unto the said Thomas Crosman and his heires to have and to hold the said 287 acres to the said Thomas Crosman and his heires upon trust for the said Anthony Wingfield and his heires, as aforesaid, provided that the said Thomas Crosman doe forthwith paie to the receivor of the Companie the said £17.18.9, otherwise this order of sale bee void, and upon payment thereof and the said Thomas Crosman his sealinge and deliveringe a declaration testifyinge the trust as aforesaid, the same to remayne with the Companie, the said Thomas Crosman shall have an assurance of the said 287 acres from the Companie made to him and his heires as aforesaid.
26/06/52	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr Carill, Sir David Watkins, Mr Latch, Mr Jessop, Mr Bradley, Mr Vermuden, Mr William Crane, Mr Parsons, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Walker, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Mr Gorges, Mr Fountayne
26/06/52	2	Upon readinge of a paper from the Lieutenant Generall touchinge waies and bridges to be made, wherein the Companie thought fitt to retorne this answer. They retorne many thanks to the Lieutenant Generall for his civility in acquaintinge them with the letter [Page 231] to the Companie this day touchinge a worke to bee done on Stoake River and Methwold, and they will send to their agents in the Country to examyn certaine of the particulars to which ende, copie thereof is to bee sent to Mr Hamond in a letter and to lett him know how sensible the Companie are of the miscarriages, if any bee as alledged in the said paper. And if the worke goes on, the Companie will order particular waies there bee made and order that satisfaction bee given for the grownd cutt through and prejudiced and the Companie desire that as well in this, as in all other workes, they may bee done with as much ease to the Country as possible may bee and they have likewise desired Colonell Robert Castell and Mr Crane to attend the Lieutenant Generall and acquainte him with this the Companies answer.
26/06/52	3	Touching the complaint of the inhabitants of the towne of Over, the Companie thinke fitt to nominate Thomas Duckett Esqr, Thomas Bendish Esquire, Mr John Mingay and Mr Henry Farrarm refferees on their part, and doe desire the towne to name comissioners answerable on their part to accommodate the differences between

them, the towne strikinge out two and the Companie to doe the like.

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| 26/06/52 | 4 | The Companie tooke into consideration a paper delivered in by Mr Latch, beinge perticular thinges yet to be done on the north side of Bedford River, which was this daie read over. |
| 26/06/52 | 5 | A question was put and resolved that the order and instructions for Mr Hamond to undertake the perfectinge the south side of Bedford River for £2500 bee vacated in regard hee does not accept thereof. |
| 26/06/52 | 6 | The Companie doe resolve and hereby order that with the same money allready issued for doinge the workes on the south side of Bedford River, there bee so much more issued for the perfectinge thereof to fitt it for an adjudication accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, so as it exceede not £2500, and no contracts to bee made exceeding that some, and care in the first place is to bee taken for preservation of Cambridge navigation. |
| 26/06/52 | 7 | Resolved and also ordered that the said sum of £2500 bee issued for the purpose aforesaid in such sort as the rest of the Companies money hath byn ordered and Mr Latch is to issue out no more warrants then for £2500 to bee expended on the south side of Bedford River untill further order |
| 26/06/52 | 8 | Resolved that Kethermister bee discharged and no more bee entertayned into the service of the Companie and the expendor is to take notice that from this daie hereof no more sallary bee paid unto him, and if any bee, it shall be at his owne perill |
| 26/06/52 | 9 | Upon readinge a letter form Mr Hamond it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth viz - |

The Companie were very hardly drawne from theirre former resolution in perfectinge all the north side before they proceeded in the south side haveinge found (by deare bought experience) the prejudice of havinge too many workes in hand at one time, yet beinge advertised by your letter of the 10th of this instant that £2500 (if tymely disbursed before harvestt) would dreyne the south levell did yeild to put much money in your handes so as, upon second thoughts you were satisfyed that the dreyninge would bee perfected with that sum, but with expresse resolution not to disburse any more than that sum upon any presence whatsoever, and were not a little sensible of the breach of theirre orders and instructions in attempting anythinge on the south side (save in order the preserve navigation) before the north side fully perfected, though then permitted, [Page 232] and now, upon readinge yours of the 22nd instant, they finde that there is a great mistake, for if the dreyninge may not bee perfected on the south side with that money to obteyne an adjudication, the Company neither by theirre last order did, nor yet doe intend, to lay out any money on the south side, but accordinge to theirre instructions for preservinge the navigation, untill the north side finished, and if any contracts have byn made or moneys issued not agreeinge to those instructions and orders of the Companie, they will not allow it, and they cannot apprehend that it will be accompted a good dreyninge to imbancke the rivers and leave the levell to bee drowned by the downfall. The Companie doe not thinke themselves yet justified or repayred for the injury done to them or affront to theirre agents in havinge theirre money deteyned in the expenditors hande or his subexpenditors hande and then clamouring on the Companie and affrontinge theirre instraments. They are sufficiently satisfyed on the miscarriage of Kethermister and therefore without more question they doe require that forthwith, upon receipt hereof, if hee not bee discharged, you discharge him, and then no sallary bee allowed him from the tyme that this comes to your handes and lett him bee called to account

for what moneyes hee hath had for the Companie and whatever hee hath byn trusted in on behalfe of the Companie. The Companie desire to know by what warrant Mildenhall, Stoake and Brandon rivers were let out to bee done and you are desired to send up the copies of severall contracts and how farre the workes are proceeded in. I have accordinge to the comand of the Companie sent you here enclosed a copie of a letter sent unto them from Lieutenant Generall Fleetwood beinge sent unto him from his agent in the Country, the perticulars whereof they desire you would carefully examyn, the Companie beinge very sensible of any such miscarriages as therein is alledged, and therefore if any such bee, they desire they may bee certified and that if the workes proceede they will order perticular wayes and passages to bee speedily made, as also satisfaction for growndes cut through, and in all others that they may bee done with as much ease to the Country as possible may bee.

26/06/52 p.m 1 Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Crane, Mr Walker, Mr Parsons, Mr Bradley, Mr Latch, Mr Stanton, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley, Mr North, Colonell Robert Castell

26/06/52 p.m 2 Whereas Mr Robery Peacocke and Mr John Sisson, for, and on behalfe of themselves and of the towne of Sutton in the Isle, for so much of their petition to the Commissioners as concernes the bridge desired to bee made over new Owse, although the Companie at first refused to bee at that charge yet upon treaty with them afterwards, upon their earnest request, are contented to give them a bridge ready framed at Erith which belongs unto the Companie, which they agree to accept of and doe undertake to sett downe at the townes charge and free the Company from any further charge of bridges **[Page 233]** for that towne. And the Companie are further contented for the accomodation of the said towne that a gravell bee made over Sutton Gault accordinge to their desire in their petition, which they have undertaken to make for ten poundes whereupon the Companie doe hereby order that Mr Jessop the receivor doe forthwith pay unto the said Mr Peacocke and Sisson the said sum of ten poundes for the makinge thereof which they, on the behalfe of the said towne, doe accept of also and the Companie doe agree to earth another passage at Tyneold and the towne will gravell both at their owne charge

28/05/52 3 Earl of Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr Henley, Captain North, Mr Draper, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Gorges, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Crane

28/05/52 4 The Companie resumed the paper delivered in by Mr Latch purportinge thinges yett to bee done in the north levell and as to the 1st perticular viz-

1 Touchinge highwaies and dreynes, it is ordered that Colonell Robert Castell, the superintendents and Mr Latch, callinge to their assistance the surveyour, and they, or any two of them, together with the surveyour, are desired to sett out and discribe what highwayes and dreynes are necessary to bee made and in what places they are to bee done to the intent that the Companie may receive satisfaction therein and they are desired to certifie that Companie what highwayes are fitt to bee made and the Companie thereupon will make further order therein.

2 Ordered that it bee referred to the same committee to consider how to contrive convenient wayes for all men to come to their land and some course bee taken how they may bee supplied with water

3 Ordered that it bee also referred to the same committee to see that the indreyne to the south bancke of new Bedford River bee made throughout in regard all close meadowlandes have now noe other way to issue their water

4 Referred also to the same committee to see that the River of Qwse from Erith to Harrimere bee bottomed where it is needefull

5 That the north bancke of Bedford River bee heightened and amended where it is needefull and that the foreland bee of the demension accordinge to St Ives Law

6 That for Welch his dam downewards there bee a new dike made, the earth whereof may fill up the dike that is made so nere and was the occasion of it blowinge up the last yeare and therefore it is left the the same committee to have it done as substantially as neede shall require

7 Referred to the same committee whether that the old bancke of Bedford River for the better security of the north levell is not fitt to be repayred and a little cast up together and cutts therein prohibited and are to certifie up their opinions therein

8 Also that the gravells bee taken up in March River

9 The same committee are desired to certifie their opinion whether the lesser of the dreynes of Vermuydens Eau or some part of it may not bee deepened, and if deepened, whether it may bee of any use or not.

[Page 234] 10 Referred to the same committee to see that a sluice bee sett downe at Guyhurne for plant water and that it may be effectually done and that the stop in all dreynes may be speedily removed

11 Ordered that it bee referred to the afore said committee to consider whether it bee better to repaire Waldersey bancke where it is or make a new one and they are desired to certifie their opinion herein to the Companie

12 That the same committee also desired to certifie their opinion whether Car Dike will bee serviceable or noe and, if not, what is fitt to bee done for the carryinge awaye the brookes

13 The said committee are also desired to treat with the towne of Wisbech touchinge Elme Leame and are desired to send up an estimate of the charges

14 Ordered that a bridge bee made over Downham Eau in Stow Comon for the convenience of transporting firing and hay out of Marshland and it is left to the said committee to see the same bee done accordingly forthwith

15 Ordered that the same committee bee desired to send up to the Companie an estimate of the charge of the perticulars, as were above mentioned before they bee contracted for, and to call their assistance from tyme to tyme from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for his direction and advice in doinge the said severall and respective workes

16 Ordered that a letter be written to Sir Ralph Hare as followeth;

Sir the Companie of Adventurers for dreyning the Great Levell of the Fennes, takinge notice of your desire to have a bridge made over Downham Eau in Stow Comon for the transportinge of your grass and hay out of Marshland have given order to their agents below to see the same done forthwith as you will finde by the inclosed order, and have given new comandes acquainted you therewith and to lett you know they shall bee ready in all reasonable thinges to comply with your desires which is all I shall trouble you with and subscribe toward.

- 28/05/52 5 The Companie beinge enformed that the expendor doe scruple the payment of bills for nayles and other small materialls, as also for such few dayes workes as some tyme fall out to bee necessary without acquittances from the parties themselves, doe therefore declare and order that the officer who buyes the said materialls or employes those who performe such daies workes, shall, before hee buyes the same materialls, communicate the necessity thereof to some one or more of the Company appointed by the Companies instructions, then next him which hee is also to doe for daies workes, unles it shall happen such daye workes necessary to bee forthwith undertaken and dispatched, in which case notice is to bee given to one or more of the Companie soone after the same is performed, and upon such signification to and allow such from one or more of the Companie, testfyed under his or their hand. The comptroller is to also upon such officers bills, the perticulars so to bee expended and the comptrollers have subscribed to the bill, and the said officers acquittance shall in all such cases bee to the expendor a sufficient warrant and discharge
- 28/05/52 6 The Companie, takinge into their consideration the great necessity of a constant meetinge of the Companie weekly untill further order, and conceiving that after the ende of this terme most of the Adventurers will goe out of towne, whereby the publique busines may very much suffer and bee prejudiced, have therefore thought fitt and doe hereby desire the persons followinge, being members **[Page 235]** of the Companie viz - Mr Henley, Mr Say, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Sir Thomas Gardiner, Mr Fountayne, Captain North, and Mr Trafford and three such others as they, or any five of them shall nominate, constantly to meete here two days in each weeke and through howers in each day during the next vacation, together with such others of the Company as shall bee from tyme to tyme present for managing the generall affayres of the Companie. And to the end the Companie may, in that behalfe, bee more ascertayned, the said members of the Companie, before named, are also desired to oblige themselves of subscription of the handes to this order to bee accordingly present so farr as their occasions will possibly give way. And it is further ordered that, in acknowledgement of such their respecte to the Companies service, there shall bee allowed the sum of ten poundes weekly during the said vacation, onely or untill the Companies further order to bee distributed among such of the said members of the Companie so nominated as shall bee weekly present as aforesaid on each of the said dayes. And accordingly the Companies receiver to paie the said ten poundes weekly so such of the said persons and in such proportions as any give of them shall weekly directe.
- John Trenchard
Robert Henley
W Say
R North
John Trafford
- 28/05/52 7 The Companie, takinge into consideration the great necessity of a constant weekly meeting of some of the members of the Companie upon the levell for observinge, transactinge and communicating the Companies affayres below, doe desire the members of the Company hereafter named viz - Mr Grigory Gawsell, Mr Latch, Mr Drewry, Mr Hamond, Colonell Robert Castell and Mr Culpeper or any three of them to meete constantly two dayes in every weeke upon such parts of the Levell where the Companies service shall more espetially require during the next vacation, onely or untill the Companie shall give further order and then and there, from tyme to tyme, to doe and performe such matters as shall bee most conducinge to the Companies service, accordinge to such instructions as the Companie have given or hereafter shall

give, as also to hold a constant correspondency with the Companie resident from tyme to tyme in London. And to the ende the Companie may bee more and more entertayned in that behalfe, it is desired that the said members of the Company will oblige themselves by subscribinge their handes to this order to attend accordingly so farr as their occasions will possibly give way. And in acknowledgement of their respecte, the Companie are content to allow the said Gregory Gawsell, Colonell Castell, Mr Culpeper the sum of three poundes a weeke for every weeke they shall so attende accordingly, as is already allowed to the rest by the Companyes former orders and the comptroller is accordingly to give warrant to the expendor with which their respective acquittances shall be to the expendor a sufficient discharge.

01/07/52 1 **[Page 236]** Earl of Bedford, Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley, Mr Crane, Mr Walker, Mr Stanton, Mr Browne, Mr Gorges, Mr Lane, Mr Gale, Mr Trafford, Colonell Robert Castell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carill, Mr Allyen, Mr Partherich

01/07/52 2 Upon information of Mr Trafford, it is ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Latch that according to the former order of 15th March last, Clowes Cross dreyne bee deepened as well as widened and to the ende the Companie may bee certified with all convenient speede that the same is done, and accordingly Mr Thomas Hatton is desired to joyne with the surveyour and bee assistant to him here in.

01/07/52 3 Resolved upon the question that the ten poundes, mentioned in the order made on Monday last, for the constant meetinge is to bee paid to the members of the Companie that are therein named, and doe oblige themselves by subscribinge their names there unto.

01/07/52 4 Resolved upon the question that a tax bee sett and imposed

Resolved upon the question that a tax of 15d an acre bee layd, payable at too payments, one moytice thereof on the 20th July, payable 2 August next, the other moytice on the 20th of August next, payable September next as followeth.

The Companie, taking into consideration the effectuall proceedinge of the workes in order to the perfecte dreyning of the Great Levell, doe hereby thinke fitt and order that a tax of 15d an acre bee sett out and imposed upon the whole 95000 acres in the Acte of Parliament mentioned, as well upon the 80000 acres, comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres mentioned in the said Acte lately assigned to Benjamyn Weston Esqr his heirs and assigned, and the said tax is hereby imposed accordingly and ordered to bee paid to the officers of the treasury by exchange of the receivor of the Companie for the tyme beinge at Mr Henleyes howse without Temple Barr in the manner followinge viz - 7d 06 or one moytice thereof on or before the 20th day of July next ensuinge and 7d 06 or the other moytice thereof on or before the 20th daie of August next ensuing untill the said tax or 15d an acre and every part thereof bee fully satisfyed and paid, and in default of payment of the 1st moytice or 7d 06 an acre payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold at or upon the 2nd day of August next or at any other subsequent meeting of the Companie, and in default of payment of the other moytice or 7d 06 an acre payable as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are hereby ordered to bee sold at or upon the first day of September next or at any other subsequent meeting of five or more of the Adventurers and Participants att the place aforesaid.

01/07/52 5 **[Page 237]** The Companie, takinge into consideration the service done by Thomas Bunbury in lookinge to the Scots and his paynes taken about the turffe at Ramsey, doe hereby thinke fitt and order that Mr Jessop receivor doe forthwith paie unto the said

Thomas Bunbury after the rate of ten shillings a weeke from the 15th Octobers last to this day, over and above the six poundes which hee hath formerly received which is in full of his demands from the Companie

- 03/07/52 1 Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Gorges, Mr Alleyn, Sir David Watkins, Mr North, Mr John Russell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Lane, Mr Neale, Mr Jessop
- 03/07/52 2 Whereas severalls of Sutton North Fen and West Fenne Ramsey, Chartris, Well and Wellnie and other severalls were heretofore sett out and distinguished to the perticular lotts by Mr Moore the surveyour, accordinge to an order made at St Ives of the 3rd July 1651, a perticular of which devision was by him first sent up to the Companie in his letter of 11 July 1651, it is thought fitt and now ordered that the said devisions bee established and confirmed that the severalls of Well and Welney and such other severalls, as are not distinguished by the lott booke, shall bee enjoyed according as same are sett out by the surveyour, and if any partie bee interrupted therein they may use the trustees names in any suytes for recoverye of their right, but this order is not to extende to any severalls which are distinguished and may bee ascertayened by the lott booke
- 03/07/52 3 Whereas Captain Richard Blackwall hath made default in payinge in the tax of 15d an acre due and payable 26th Aprill last for his proportion of 5450 acres of Adventurers landes heretofore belonging to the Earle of Arundell and Surry, in the 8th, 13th and 18th lotts, amountinge to the sum of £340.12.06, now forasmuch as the said 5450 acres were this day exposed to sale and William Smith Esqr, beinge present, offered £10900 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase thereof, the Companie by vertue of and according to the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said 5450 acres unto the said William Smith and his heires to have and to hold the said 5450 acres unto him the said William Smith, his heires and assigned provided that the said sum of £340.12.06 bee within a weeke next after the date hereof paid into the receivor of the Company and the remaynder or surplusage beinge £10559.07.06, also within the same tyme restored to the right owner accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered, upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, hee the said William Smith shall have an assurance of the said 5450 acres from the **[Page 238]** Companie, made unto him and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate, and to his and their heirs, but hee is to convey, to such as the Companie shall appointe, 27 acres and 1 rod called Marmione in the 18th lott and to bee allowed for the same by the Companie accordinge to the proportion which hee payeth for the residue, whereby the Companie may performe their engagement and respecte to Colonell Hobart accordinge to former order of the 21st March 1650.
- 03/07/52 4 Whereas Captain Mr William Drewry and Mr Richard Castell hath made default in payinge in the tax of 15d an acre due and payable 26th Aprill last for their proportion of 200 acres of Adventurers landes, heretofore belonging to the William Wakefield in the 1st lott, amountinge to the sum of £12.10.00, now forasmuch as the said 200 acres were this day exposed to sale and Mr Thomas Neale, beinge present, offered £400 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase thereof, the Companie, by vertue of and according to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 200 acres unto the said Thomas Neale and his heires to have and to hold the said 200 acres unto him the said Thomas Neale, his heires and assigned, provided that the said sum of £12.10.00 bee within a weeke next after the date hereof paid into the receivor of the Company and

the remaynder or surplusage beinge £387.10.00, also within the same tyme restored to the right owner accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, hee the said Thomas Neale shall have an assurance of the said 200 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires or such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heires.

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| 03/07/52 | 5 | Ordered that the draft of an order made on Satterdaie 19 June last touchinge Mr Hen and Sir David Watkins bee null and void and the same is not to bee entered as an order in to the booke of orders of the Companie. |
| 03/07/52 | 6 | Waldersea Bancke beinge taken into consideration, it is ordered that forthwith a letter bee sent to the comittee on the place that they goe on with the substantiall repayringe of the old bancke with all possible speed and as for any new bancke the Companie doe referre the consideration of that till longer experience |
| 03/07/52 | 7 | Ordered that the comittee below bee desired to consider what indreyne to the south bancke is fitt to bee made and certifie the Companie what distance the indreyne is to bee made from the bancke and of what dimensions the bancke ought to bee and what neede there is to heighten the bancke at present, and that they would provide that the makinge of the dreyne may bee in such manner that the Companie may bee provided of earth at all tymes to doe it and an estimate of the charge is to bee sent up. |
| 03/07/52 | 8 | Ordered that the Committee below bee desired to consider in what places the River of Owse is fitt to bee bottomed and an estimate of the charge sent up and certifie their opinions |
| 03/07/52 | 9 | Memorand that the Committee below doe in this, as in all other workes, call Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to their assistance |
| 03/07/52 | 10 | Ordered that a letter bee written to the Committee below that they give present order for the scowringe out of Munckes Lode from the Adventurers land to Sawtrey into Ug Mere. |
| 03/07/52 | 1 | [Page 239] Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden signifyinge that the Companie desire to know how much of the £4500.11.10 hee hath paid to the workemen at midsomer daie last in pursuance of the order of 29 March last, whereunto hee did then agree a copie whereof is to bee sent unto him and that if any parte of the said sum was at that point in tyme bee unpaid to the workemen the Companie doe expecte hee should pay the same to the receivor of the Companie accordinge to the said order, and the Committee below are desired to send a fitt person with this letter and order that may make oath of the delivery thereof to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden. |
| 08/07/52 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr North, Mr Gorges, Mr Crane, Mr Stanton, Mr Neale, Mr Bradley, Mr Trafford, Mr William Weston, Mr Fountayne, Mr Browne, Mr Carill, Mr Lane |
| 08/07/52 | 2 | Ordered that the Attorney Generall, Sir Thomas Witherington and Mr Sergeant Barnard bee by the sollicitor of the Companie reteyned of Councell for the Companie against the next meetinge of the Commissioners, as also all all other tymes as the Companie shall thinke fitt and as occasion shall require. |

- 08/07/52 3 Upon readinge a letter from Mr Hamond, an answer was ordered as followeth
- You doe not mention who made the contracts for Brandon and Stoake, nor have you sent up the copies of the contracts for Mildenhall, Brandon or Stoke accordinge to their desire by the last, and they have no satisfaction from you where the fault was and is, that the Companie are so much clamoured on for not payinge their workemen when they had all waies more than enough in the expeditors handes to paie all men that could justly challenge any moneyes from them, and the Companie doe not thinke that it is the way to preserve them or their reputation to lett any perticular person keepe their money and, in the meane tyme, suffer the Companie and their agents to bee clamoured on and brought into perill of their lives for not payinge workemen, and therefore they desire that by the next retorne you would lett them know who was in fault that the workemen were not more tymely paid and who raised the rumour that Mr Latch and Mr Drewry were the causes of it, and whether they were soe or noe, and that you would not longer delay the sending up of copies of the contracts for Mildenhall, Brandon and Stoke Rivers and who made the contractes for Brandon and Stoake Rivers and when they were first made, and they desire to know what is done touchinge the comptroll from Methwold for the Companie must give the Lieutenantt Generall a speedy account thereof for proceedinge to an adjudication. The Companie will take into their consideration, and they believe you are not ignorant what streightes they were brought into upon the Commissioners meeting at Peterburgh, and could give your selfe an answer to the objections you make touchinge that busines which they conceive not fitt to make further mention of in writinge. The Companie **[Page 240]** desire you to send up a fitt person may make oath touching the ryott of the men in womens apparell.
- 08/07/52 4 Ordered that a letter be sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden as followeth viz - The Companie are enformed of complaint by the barge men which carry coles to Cambridge by reason that the new cutt at Russell Hill is so straight that the boates of 16 or 17 foote wide cannot passe as formerly and that the new cutt wants a bottome in some part of it which hinders boates of burden to passe and they therefore desire you to take it into your present care and to give such speedy order therein as there may bee noe just cause of complaint against the Companie. They heare that the worke is such forwarded as it will be fit for an adjudication this sumer but they desire to heare the same from you to whose care and judgement they have committed the designe and on whom they must depend to give satisfaction to the Companie therein when the business comes to a finall adjudication. If therefore you bee of opinion to demand a finall judgement of the whole level before the next terme, they desire you to write to them what tyme the level will bee dreyned fitt for adjudication to the intent they may bee suytors to the Lordes Comissioners to appointte a tyme to come down and send them word before Wednesday (by such a letter as they may shew to the Comissioners) that the Companie may make application accordingly ,for otherwise the Lordes Committee will adjourne on next Wednesday till the end of terme.
- 08/07/52 5 Whereas Robert Stanton hath made default in payinge in the tax of 15d an acre due and payable 26th Aprill last for his proportion of 998 acres in the 10th lott, heretofore belonginge to the Sir Myles Sandys amountinge to the sum of £61.07.06, now forasmuch as the said 998 acres were this day exposed to sale and Mr James Smith beinge present offered 50s an acre amountinge to £2497.10.00 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase thereof, the Companie, by vertue of and according to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 998 acres unto the said James Smith and his heires to have and to hold the said 998 acres unto him the said James Smith, his heires and assigned provided that the said sum of £61.07.06 d bee within a weeke

next after the date hereof paid into the receiver of the Company and the remainder or surplusage being £2435.02.06, also within the same time restored to the right owner, according to the said Act of Parliament, otherwise this order of sale to be void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, that the said James Smith shall have an assurance of the said 998 acres from the Company made unto him and his heirs or such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heirs.

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| 08/07/52 | 6 | Memorandum that the order for a constant meeting of the members of the Company here in town, made 28th June, last be suspended for the present and until the Company do make further order therein. |
| 08/07/52 | 7 | [Page 241] Ordered that a letter be written to the surveyor that hee take speedy care that old Elme Leam dreyne be speedily scoured out or at least such course be taken by making a deviation ditch there that the Adventurers groundes in Ladis Fenne may be secured from the Countreys cattle |
| 10/07/52 | 1 | Mr Henley, Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Vermuyden, Mr North, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley |
| 10/07/52 | 2 | The Company, taking into consideration the great necessity of speedy repaying of the north bank of Bedford River and particularly that part thereof towards Salters Load. Although they have made former orders therein, it is recommended to Mr Jessop to write to Mr Latch from time to time until the said be done. |
| 10/07/52 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Jessop the receiver do forthwith pay all such fees as are thought fitt to be given to council to be retayed by Mr Henley and Mr Browne, the solicitor, against Wednesday and it is ordered shall be Mr Jessops warrant. |
| 12/07/52 | 1 | Mr Gorges, Mr Borth, Mr Henley, Mr Samuel, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne, Mr Trechard, Mr Walker, Mr William Crane, Mr Lukins, Mr Fountain |
| 12/07/52 | 2 | Whereas Mr Knivett, on behalf of the town of Denver, acquainted the Company that severall sums of money are due and owing from the Company to diverse persons whose lands are cutt through and prejudiced, and they are not yet satisfied, and therefore moved that the same may be paid forthwith, whereupon hee does undertake to procure good security such as the Company may accept of, that the said lands may be conveyed into the Company and hee did likewise move that a bridge may be made over Downham Eau for accomodation of the said town. The Company taking the same into consideration, do hereby order that the members of the Company on the place be desired to treat with the inhabitants of the said town and give them all reasonable satisfaction therein. |
| 12/07/52 | 3 | [Page 242] For explanation of the order of sale (of 998 acres to Mr Stanton in the 10th lott) made on Thursday last, the Company do hereby declare and direct that Mr Jessop do receive the whole purchase money due upon the said order of sale (within the time therein prefixed), that is to say not onely the sum of £62.07.06 due for the tax arrears but also the sum of £2435.02.06 due in the said order mentioned to be the surplusage, and Mr Jessop thereupon is to restore the said to the right owner according to the Act of Parliament. |
| 12/07/52 | 4 | Ordered that a letter be written to Mr Bendish, a referee named for the Company touching the petition of the town of Sutton in the Isle, to this effect that the Company have presumed to name him a referee on their part, together with Mr Harrer of Wisbech and therefore do desire him that hee would be pleased to take |

upon him that trouble on Wednesay next come sennight at Seeleyes howse at Erith and the Company shall esteeme as a great favour and bee ready to serve him in any thinge they may.

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| 12/07/52 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Jessop doe pay or cause to bee paid unto Mr Browne sollicitor to the Company the sum of twenty poundes to be disposed of for the service of the Companie, hee givinge an account from tyme to tyme how the same is disburses. |
| 15/07/52 | 1 | Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr William Weston, Mr Neale, Mr Fountayne, Mr Culpeper, Mr Stanton, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Henley, Mr Alleyn, Mr Gorges, Mr Coney |
| 15/07/52 | 2 | Whereas John Sysson and one Edward Stacy, townesmen of Sutton in the Isle, did this daie move the Companie on the behalfe of the towne for explayninge one part of the Order of Agreement made the 26 of June last touchinge the bridge to bee sett downe by the towne of Sutton over the great Owse, in regard it is by the said order mentioned that they should free the Companie for any future charges of bridges for that towne, whereas it was not intended that they should repayre any other bridges otherwise then to lay the said other bridges with gault and gravell for the present and to take the bridge belonginge to the Companie layinge at Erith and, at their owne charge, to make the same fitt and sett downe on the Owse in such manner as may not hinder navigation and mayneteyne the same bridge, so [Page 243] by them to sett downe forever after at the townes charge but not to take upon them the charge of mayntenance of any other of the Companies bridges, whereupon the Companie doe hereby explayne and order that the said towne shall not bee bound to mainteynance of any of their other bridges in other manner then as the said townesmen have herein offered and propounded. |
| 15/07/52 | 3 | Ordered that Mr Browne the sollicitor doe forthwith take care to take out copies of all orders of the Commissioners, and that the same for the future bee entred into a booke kept for the purpose |
| 15/07/52 | 4 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Moore, clarke of the contracts, to send a perticular of the contract of Grant, Mildenhall, Brandon and Stoake, by whome they were made, the precise tyme when who sett their handes to them and when 1st entered into his booke, such as hee will witness upon oath. |
| 15/07/52 | 5 | Ordered that Mr Jessop the receivor bee desired to paie unto John Stretch the sum of fortie shillings as a gratuity, hee havinge byn an ardent servant to the Adventurer in the first undertaking, as engagement to him from tyme to tyme to give the Companie notice of any damage or prejudice done in their workes nere unto the place where hee resides. |
| 15/07/52 | 6 | Ordered that breviates bee drawne to retheyne councill against the Commissioners meeting tomorrow to demand adjudication of the south side of Bedford River accordinge to Sir Cornelius Vermudens letter Wednesday last. |
| 15/07/52 | 7 | Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to search out Mr Lathams bookes or plans in the truncke sealed up and certifie the Companie what some of money does therein appeare to be due unto John Stretch and whether his name bee in the said bookes of accoumpts. |
| 16/07/52 | 1 | Mr Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Crane, Mr Samuell, Mr Weston, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne, Mr Culpeper |

16/07/52	2	Touchinge the devision of the severalls by Mr Moore, the Companie upon any instant complaintt unto them of any undue and unequall settinge out thereof will be ready to give the Complayntt all instant and reasonable satisfaction therein
16/07/52	3	<p>The Companie for many reasons offered this daie against the demandinge adjudication on the south side of Bedford River and upon readinge letters from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond doe hereby order that letters bee written to them as followeth viz -</p> <p>The Companie have received yours of the 1st July instant whereby you offer severall reasons for demandinge adjudication of the south side this summer, all which, as well as what Mr Hamond and others have offered, have byn taken into consideration and byn debated two severall daies [Page 244] and there upon the Companie came at last to this resolution to deferre the askinge of judgement at this tyme. It will be too longe to acquainte you with the severall reasons and arguments that weighed with the Companie upon this debate. A comitted experience was thought by all to bee necessary as well to satisfie the Comissioners, as those that are to parte with their land, which was had as to the other levell and severall crops then upon the grownd preserved by the Companies workes speake for them, besides many judgements then done and in hand, and yet you know how difficult a worke it was to procure that judgement. The Companie have none of these arguments to produce in this case, nay the 4 rivers which yourselfe hold necessary to bee done in order to the demande as aforesaid are not yet finished and it is possible that by unseasonblenes of weather or some other accident they may not bee perfected with that tyme now thought of and then there would bee little left the Companie to make good their demand of judgement and you can easily judge how inconvenient and dangerous it would bee for the Companie to carry Comissioners downe into the Country and have them retorne againe without doing what they came for. This, and severall other thinges not so fitt to bee put in paper satisfyed the Company in comminge to the resolution aforesaid, espetially not apprehendinge any great inconvenience that will fall out on the other hand more then the losse of the winters profit which is not at all considerable. However, the Companie cannot but very well interprett your endeavours to promote and hasten the bringinge to perfection this worke, wherein they are so much concerned in pointe of honour and interest. The £2500 designed for the south side will bee provided and duly paid. The rest of the money is to bee applyed to the north side untill the workes formerly diverted to be done bee finished, the security and improvement whereof, as it concernes the Companie most in point of profit, so it will of itselfe answer all arguments that can bee brought against the Company on the other side. The Companie therefore desire you to give your direction and assistance for the speedy dispatch thereof.</p>
16/07/52	4	Ordered that a letter bee written to the expeditor and that hee take notice that the Companie, havinge appointed £2500 to bee layd out on the south side of Bedford River, hee is not to issue out any more in that side, save onely the said sum of £2500, at his owne perill.
16/07/52	5	Severall arguments were urged for makinge a cutt through Marshland viz - that by reason of the insufficiency of Well Creeke to carry downe the water of that dreyn, the danger may happen to bee great to quantyities of coleseede already sowne or to bee sowne and the sinkinge of the north levell.
16/07/52	6	Ordered that Mr Claythorne bee desired to joyne with Mr Gregory Gawsell, Mr Latch, Mr Castell and Mr Drewry, and they or any two of them, shall have power to meete together and put in execution that severall orders formerly made for workes yet to bee done on the north side of Bedford River.

17/07/52	1	Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr William Weston, Mr Crane, Mr Henley, Mr Thurloe
17/07/52	2	[Page 245] The Company resuming the argument yesterday in regard for makinge a cutt through Marshland, that is to say the insufficiency of Well Creeke to carry downe the great quantities of coleseede already sowne or to bee sowne and the sinkinge of the north levell, doe hereby order a letter to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to desire him forthwith to goe upon the place and advise in what place and manner the same is fittest to bee done, and an estimate or the charge and give them a present account thereof to the ende that, if hee doe not satisfie the Companie to the reasons offered, that they may speedily proceede to have it done this summer.
17/07/52	3	It was moved that the 282 acres in Beeflinges Fen in Doddington might bee sett out for the 6th and 7th lott accordinge to order of the Commissioners yesterday made, whereupon it is ordered that a 12 foote dike bee made to devide the said land from the Country at the Companies charge and Mr Moore the surveyour is to see the same done accordingly forthwith.
17/07/52	4	Ordered that Mr Fountayne bee desired to draw up instructions touchinge the refference about Sutton meadlandes and the clarke is to attend him in the afternoon for the same.
19/07/52	1	Mr Trenchard, Mr Henley, Mr North, Mr Neale, Mr Jessop, Mr William Crane
19/07/52	2	Ordered that the expeditor by himselfe or Mr Clamp bee at liberty to draw bills of exchange for any sum or sums of money not exceedinge the sum of a thousand poundes, the former order of restraint not withstandinge
19/07/52	3	Whereas by the 1st instructions to Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood, expeditor, hee was monthly to deliver a perticular account under his hand to the persons authorized thereunto, all perticular sumes by him received and issued, ordered that hee doe forthwith, after the cominge hereof, to his handes prepare a perticular distincte and orderly account of all moneyes by him received and paid from the 28th of Aprill last to the 20th of this instant July, expressinge the tyme upon the person, to whome and the service for which the severall sums bee received and issued and the some delivered under his hand by the last of this month to Mr Latch and Drewry and Mr Tench beinge the persons here authorised to receive the some, or to any one of them. And that for the future hee doe on the 20th of each month deliver to the said persons, or to any one of them, the like account of all moneyes by him sent and paid in the preceedinge month and this course to contynue till the Companie shall in that behalfe give other order
19/07/52	4	Ordered that Mr Latch, Mr Drewry and Mr Tench or any one of them doe receive from the expeditor and under his hand the accounts ordered to bee delivered to them by an order of this day. In case the same shall bee delivered to any one of them, the person receiveinge it shall speedily communicate the same to the other two, whereupon Mr Latch the comptroller is [Page 246] to compare the same with the warrant by him issued and thereupon to transmitt the same from tyme to tyme to the clarke of the Companie by the next conveyance
22/07/52	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Alderman Underwood, Mr Neale, Mr North, Mr Gorges, Mr William Crane, Mr Walker, Mr Bradley, Mr Jessop
22/07/52	2	The Companie present, taking into consideration the necessity of beinge upon the

levell in takinge a view of the works allready made, as well on the north as on the south side of Bedford River and likewise to see the operation of divertinge of new Owse, have resolved to adjourne theire meetinge into the levell and doe intend to meete at Cambridge at the Signe of the Beare on Wednesday the 11th of August next.

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| 22/07/52 | 3 | Ordered that a letter bee written to the members of the Companie on the place to desire them to take into consideration the order made 29th of March 1652 touchinge sumps, sikes pitts holes and mere grownds and likewise touchinge highwaies and passages and give the best estimate they can against theire meetinge at Cambridge |
| 24/07/52 | 1 | Mr John Russell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Stanton, Mr William Crane, Mr Gorges, Alderman Underwood, Mr Walker |
| 24/07/52 | 2 | Upon readinge a condition of a bond from the Earl of Westmorland, it was thought fitt that the same bee shewen to Mr Fountayne and if hee does approve of it, the Companie will deliver up Mr Bellamy's bond by him entered into the Companie |
| 24/07/52 | 3 | Upon request of Mr Alderman Underwood and Mr Crane touchinge exchange of land betweene them, it is ordered by consent that 201 acres of Mr Cranes land in the 13th lott in West Fen and Westfen Close bee exchanged for 201 acres of Alderman Underwoods in Stony severalls in the 16th lott and for Mr Cranes remaynder in West Fen and Westfenn Close, beinge 299 acres in the said 13th lott, Alderman Underwood does agree to give Mr Crane £500, so as hee may bee serviced by Mr Crane from all other claymes, and lastly the said Mr Alderman Underwood does agree to pay his last tax for the 500 acres. Mr Crane does the likes for the 201 acres in Stony Fenne. |
| 24/07/52 | 4 | Memorand that Mr Adams bee forthwith desired to bring in the report of the comittee to consider whether Sir Cornelius Vermuyden accordinge to the Articles of Agreement is not to contribute towards [Page 247] the charge of dreyninge in pursuance of an order made 26th March last |
| 26/07/52 | 1 | Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr North, Mr Trechard, Mr Crane, Sir Edward Partherich |
| 26/07/52 | 2 | Ordered that a letter bee written to the members of the Companie on the place to desire them to take care that all the wheelebarrows and deale boardes bee got together and repayred and also to know why Waldersey Banke is not yet repayred and also to know the reason why the messenger came not up this weeke and to know whether the hole in the north banke of Moretons Leame bee yet made up, if not to have it done with all possible expedition, and to certifie the Companie thereof and to lett them know the Companie intend to meete at Cambridge of Wednesday 11th August next at the Signe of the Beare. |
| 26/07/52 | 3 | Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to desire him to send up to the Companie that workes hee intendes to make for the indreynes and carrying away the downefall on the south side of Bedford River to the end the Companie may consider thereof and have them done accordingly if they shall see cause |
| 29/07/52 | 1 | Mr Gorges, Mr Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Alderman Underwood., Mr Trenchard, Mr Browne, Mr William Weston, Mr Neale, Mr Bradley, Mr Page |
| 29/07/52 | 2 | Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Hamond of the 29th July last, it is ordered that an answer bee sent unto him as followeth - |

I received your letter which was this daie communicated to the Companie, and first as

to the messenger, the Companie say whensoever hee is sicke or cannot come up that weeke, they expecte a letter by the carrier that so they may not expecte him. The Companie doe approve of what is done to issuinge a bridge for Sir Raph Hare and your contracte with Peter Anthony touchinge the same. As for satisfaction for such as are not yet paid for their lande cutt through in Denver, the Companie doe also approve of what you have done therein and doe desire in regard they are informed there are but fower poore men not yet paid that they may forthwith bee satisfied. And concerninge the charginge of more bills by the expeditor for £1000 or £1500 there is allready an order sent unto him to that purpose but the Companie have examyned the state of their cash because you mention it to bee almost quite exhausted and they heare from the Country touchinge somethinge to the same purpose beinge out of the ordinary, rumours heretofore [Page 248] raised by their backe friends to bring their credits into question and their agents into danger and it appears to them that there was £1467.13.10 yet in the expeditors handes upon his last account and £14510.18.00 paid him since, in all £15978.12.05. And all the disbursments at Aprill when the account was taken was but £6218.19.07, and there hath byn paid since to the 24th July £8320.14.00 and no more, so there appears to bee £1438.18.00 in cash the 24th July instant expended and they desire it may bee published in the Country, and that when you write to the Companie touchinge their cash that you would informe yourselve sufficiently aforehand that they may not suffer in their reputation by occasion of their owne agents. As to the cuttinge of the north banke nere Welnea, the Companie desire you would enquire out his name that did it and his place of residence and that you would procure someone or other that may make oath both of the tyme and place with the circumstances. To save him a labour of cominge up hither, oath may bee made before one of the masters of the chancery residinge at Cambridge or thereabouts. Touchinge a cracke you mention in the foreland of the said banke, the Companie desire that speedy course bee taken to mende the same, as also by stoppinge the dikes that may anywaie endanger the rest of the bancke in any other places. And as to the close of your letter touchinge taxes upon Adventurers landes, the Companie had some debate and comanded mee to signifie to you that they purpose to acte what possible they can here above and doe desire you would doe the like when you meete together to propose anythinge for a remedy in this perticular. This beinge all in charge I rest.

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| 29/07/52 | 3 | Memorand as touchinge taxes for the Comonwealth sett on Adventurers landes, the Companie desire Mr Say and Mr Trenchard to take a convenient tyme to speake to the committee of the Army touchinge the same. |
| 29/07/52 | 4 | Whereas Captain Mr Crane hath made default in payinge in part of the taxes due December, March and Aprill last for 1000 acres in the 9th and 16th lott amountinge to the sum of £137.10.00, and whereas 474 acres, a part of 750 acres belonginge to the said Mr Crane in the 16th lott, that is to say 224 acres in Stony Fenne and 250 acres in Manea part of the said 1000 acres, were this day exposed to sale for the taxes in arrere, as aforesaid, Mr Alderman Underwood beinge present offered £500 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase thereof the Companie, by vertue of and according to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 474 acres unto the said Alderman Underwood and his heires to have and to hold the said 474 acres unto the said Alderman Underwood his heires and assigned, provided that the said sum of £137.10.00, within a weeke next after the date hereof, is paid into the receivor of the Company, and the remaynder or surplusage, over and above the taxes, to bee restored to the right owner accordinge to the said Acte of Parliament, otherwise this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid hee, the said Alderman Underwood shall have an assurance of |

the said 474 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires or such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heires.

- 29/07/52 5 **[Page 249]** Whereas Thomas Bales, Charles Lox, Thomas Spencer, Thomas Rawkins and Richard Beverley, some or one of them hath made default in payinge in the tax of 15d an acre due and payable 26th Aprill last past for 700 acres, part of their proportion of 2700 acres in the 2nd lott, amountinge to the sum of £43.15.00, now forasmuch as the said 700 acres were this day exposed to sale and Mr William Jessop, beinge present, offered £43.15.00 for the purchase thereof and hath agreed to pay all future taxes for the same, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as it beinge their propounded and none offeringe more for the purchase thereof, the Companie, by vertue of and according to the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 700 acres unto the said William Jessop and his heires and assigned, provided that the said sum of £43.15.00 bee within a weeke next after the date hereof bee paid into the receivor of the Company or else this order of sale to bee void. And it is further ordered upon payment of the said sum in manner as aforesaid, hee the said William Jessop shall have an assurance of the said 700 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires or such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to his and their heires.
- 31/07/52 1 Mr Fountayne, Mr William Crane, Mr Alleyn, Mr Thurloe, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Gorges, Mr Walker, Mr Parsons, Mr Trenchard, Mr Page, Mr St John, Mr Adams
- 31/07/52 2 Whereas Mr Thurloe acquainted the Company that, in pursuance of an order made the 26th June last, the inhabitants of the towne of Over have named Major Generall Disbrow, Major West, Mr Robert West and Mr Ackhurst, comissioners for and on the behalfe of the towne as by a letter then produced did approve, whereupon the Companie stricke out the 2 first persons viz - Major Generall Disbrow and Major West and Mr Robert West and Mr Ackhurst are to stand referrees on the townes petition.
- 31/07/52 3 Ordered that the Companie doe meete accordinge to a former order of 22 July instant at the Signe of the Beare in Cambridge and this order is not to bee altered, revoked, suspended or impeached but by so many of the Adventurers and participants as are owners of 55000 acre parcell of the 95000 acres at the least.
- 02/08/52 1 Mr Henley Snr, Mr Thurloe, Mr William Crane, Mr Walker, Alderman Underwood, Mr Parsons, Mr Trenchard
- 02/08/52 2 **[Page 250]** Whereas by an order of the 26th June last, the Companie doe resolve and order that, with the sum of money they issued for doinge the workes on the south side of the Bedford River, there should be so much more issued for perfectinge thereof to fitt it for an adjudication accordinge to the Acte of Parliament, as should not exceede £2500 and that no contracts were to bee made exceedinge that sum and that care was to be taken in the 1st place for preservation of Cambridge navigation and Mr Latch the comptroller was thereby ordered to issue out no more warrants then for the said £2500 to bee expended on the south side of Bedford River, since which tyme Mr Latch beinge withdrawn from the employment, by reason whereof there is no checke nor comptroll upon those payments, nor any other payments in the levell, it is now ordered that Mr Drewry and Mr Parsons duringe the absence of Mr Latch shall manage the comptroll of the Companie in such manner and upon such instructions as the said Mr Latch was enabled to doe and they and every one of them are hereby expressly ordered that they issue noe warrant whatsoever for the issuinge any more money for the doinge the workes on the southside than the said sum of £2500 with the money formerly expended as aforesaid. And the said persons are hereby desired, as farr as conveniently they can to advise with Mr Latch for the managing of the said comptroll, to take his direction therein as farre as may bee.

- 02/08/52 3 The Companie, taking into consideration the severall orders theretofore made for finishinge the workes of the north side of Bedford River and findinge that there hath not byn that observance of them as was expected, to the great prejudice of the Companie, doe againe order that the workes, hereafter, perticularly mentioned and all other workes appointed on that side bee with all speede effectually proceeded in and brought to perfection and that no other workes whatsoever bee undertaken and put in hand to the prejudice and delay of this order, and this order is to be first sent with the letter now also agreed upon to Mr Hamond and the rest of the gents intrusted in the Country with the Companies affayres there.
- 02/08/52 4 Ordered that a letter bee sent to the members below as followeth viz -
- The Companie hath both the last yeare and very often this summer given severall orders for perfectinge the dreynes and other workes designed upon the north side and have very frequently specified the particulars thereof, notwithstandinge which wee are enformed that the same are not proceeded in with that effecte as the Companie did expecte, and the necessity of their affayres to require, whereof they are exceedingly sensible and are well assured of the inconveniences which will fall out, not onely to perticular persons but to the whole busines of our undertaking, if those workes bee further neglected, and therefore wee have againe sent down a perticular of those workes with a new order for the full and complete finishinge thereof and that there bee no delay at all therein, the season also beinge so proper for those workes, many whereof consist in bottominge workes that the like hath not byn for many yeares and although the Companie themselves are very shortly to meete in the Country, yet wee apprehend this to bee of so much importance to us that wee would not omitte any opportunity to enforce these thinges and we havinge done all that hath byn in our power in these particulars. If yet our orders in this behalfe are still layd by and no observance had thereupon, wee shall know upon whose account to put all the inconveniences and evils that will ensue thereupon.
- 02/08/52 5 A perticular of the workes as followeth to be done on the north side.
- 1 For carryinge away the downfall from that great tracte of grownd on the north side of Bedford River about Honey, Blocke Fenne, Manea, Stony Fen, Horse Fenne, Graves Fen, Easymore and where the Adventurers have above 8000 acres, to enlarge the devision dreynes that lead from Honey Hards downwards through Stoney Fenne unto imbancked Horsmore unto 16 foote wide **[Page 251]** and cutt a dreyne of 16 foote through the said imbancked growndes to joyne the said devision dreyne until the next devision dreyne below which is by the like dreyne to be lead into Pophams Eau which is to bee opened 20 foote wide and 6 foote deepe and 18 foote wide the bottome, the said 16 foote dreyne also to bee made 6 foote deepe, and to the ende there may be a passage to the said Adventurers Land, a high way is to bee made all alonge the said 16 foote dreyne of 40 foote wide and, on the other side thereof, to make a dreyne 10 foote wide and five foote deepe. All the earth is to be fessed up into the middle of the bancke barrell wise
- 2 That a highway from Whittlesey to Upwood Hardes bee made with a 12 foote dike on each side keepinge the breadth as it was before. The earth to bee fessed up in the middle barrell wise.
- 3 That a highway bee made from Bevills Leame where it crosses Delfe Dike up to Ramsey followinge the lyne as it goeth to the dam over Neane couplinge it with the way betweene Vermuydens Eau to bee made by a 10 foote dike

4 That a high way bee made from Somersham hard landes unto Chatris hardes by the ferry and on each side thereof there is to bee made a 12 foote dike and 5 foote deepe

5 That the stoppes and gravells that are anywhere upon the river of Neane betweene Whittlese Mere and Pophams Eau bee taken away, espetially the stop that is under March bridge by a gravell and in other places in March towne bee speedily removed

6 That the north bancke of Bedford River bee heightened and amended where it is needefull and that the foreland bee of the dimensions accordinge to St Ives Law.

7 That from Welches dam downwards there bee a new dike made, the earth whereof to fill up the dike that is made so nere and was the occasion of its blowinge up the last yeare

8 That a sluice bee sett downe at Guyhurne for plant water and that it may bee effectually done and that the stoppes in all dreynes bee speedily removed.

9 To certifie whether Carre Dike bee serviceable or noe, and if not, what is fitt to bee done for carryinge away that brooke

10 To treat with the towne of Wisbech touchinge Elme Leame and send upon estimate of the charge

11 To goe on with the substantiall repayringe of old Waldersey bancke with all possible speede. For any new bancke, the Companie referre the consideration thereof till longer experience

12 That Munckes Loade bee scrowred out from the Adventurers land att Sawtrey into Ug Mere with all possible expedition

05/08/52	1	[Page 252] Mr Henley, Mr William Weston, Alderman Underwood, Mr Walker, Mr Page, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley
05/08/52	2	The Companie, takinge into consideration the necessitie of a cutt or dreynes through Marshland and upon readinge Sir Cornelius Vermuydens letter of 24 July last, it is ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to this effecte that the Companie have resolved to bee at the charge thereof and therefore doe desire him forthwith to see the same lockspitted out and acquainted Mr Parsons with the place where it is to bee done, as also with a perticular estimate of the charge thereof to the intent hee may certifie the Companie that so noe delay bee made therein, the season of the yeare beinge so suteable, and it is also ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Parsons to acquainte him herewith.
05/08/52	3	Order that as many of the members of the Companie as will meete at Cambridge the 11th August instant and so at the next place of meetinge and contynue constantly at all other meetinges of the Company upon the levell untill they adjourne to London, shall perticularly have allowed 10s <i>per diem</i> for so long tyme as they shall contynue there upon the Companies business.
07/08/52	1	Mr John Russell, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Browne
07/08/52	2	Agreed to meete againe att two a clocke in the afternoone on Monday next to consider of adjourninge into the Fennes

09/08/52	1	Mr Henley Snr, Mr Culpeper, Mr William Weston, Mr B Arthur, Mr Jessop, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne
09/08/52	2	<p>The information of John Kelsie given to the Companie as followeth</p> <p>1 That Mr Drewry gave order to one Jaxon to stop 2d a peece and some 6d a peece expense for bringinge of the Scotts money to discharge their quarters whereupon (as hee conceives) many of them ran away</p> <p>2 That the bancks are very defective nere Salters Lode</p> <p>[Page 253] 3 That the bancks between Erith and Mepall after they were flogged are very much prejudiced by the permission of cattle to goe thereon</p> <p>4 That hee desires to bee heard and enforme the Companie who have disposed of the Scotts and have had the benefit of their labours</p> <p>5 That John Kelsey, haveinge found out many deales and plancks that were stolen away and acquainted Mr Drewry therewith hee employed them to his owne use</p> <p>In consideration that the said John Kelsey shall make good the information now by him given into the Companie touchinge severall abuses alledged to bee done unto them and defects in the works which he is ready to make good, it is ordered that 10s bee allowed him for bearinge his charges in going downe to Cambridge for the purpose aforesaid, and doe recomend him to the further consideration of the Companie att their meetinge att Cambridge and Mr Jessop is desired to pay the said 10s accordingly</p>
09/08/52	3	Mr Jessop acquainted the Companie that hee hath lately received a bill of exchange from the expeditor for the sum of £100 which the Companie doe come in, as contrary to their former order to charge any more bills, yet for the present the Companie order that Mr Jessop doe accept of the said bill and pay the same in regard they are forthwith to adjourne into the Fennes.
09/08/52	4	Whereas Hugh Farnham was by order of the 15th of October 1651 continued messenger of the Companie and beinge lately sicke is desirous to goe into the Country to recover his health and that his allowance after the rate of 7s a weeke may bee paid unto him endinge on Thursdaie last, whereupon the Companie thinke fitt and hereby order that Mr Jessop doe paie him to Thursdie last at which tyme his said allowance is to cease, Mr Jessop disbursinge what money hath byn put to one James Googe sent twice into the Fennes with letters in the tyme of his sicknes.
09/08/52	4	Ordered that the Companie of Adventurers doe adjourne to meete at the Signe of the Beare at Cambridge on Wednesday the 11th of this instant August accordinge to the former order and nothing is to bee acted or done here in towne but all their meetinges are to bee from there in the Great Levell of the Fennes untill the further order or untill their adjournement back to London. And it is also ordered that the clarke of the Companie doe give his attendance att Cambridge on the daie prefixed with the bookes and orders writinges and papers of the Companie as shall be necessary and Mr Moore the surveyour is likewise to attend them with the mappes
11/08/52	1	Att the Signe of the Beare in Cambridge

Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Spaldinge, Mr Bradley, Mr Fountayne, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Naylor, Mr William Crane, Mr John Arthur, Mr Holman, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Browne

11/08/52 2 The Companie now present doe adjourne to meete againe att the place aforesaid tomorrow morninge at eight of the clocke

12/08/52 1 **[Page 254]** Att the Signe of the Beare in Cambridge

Earl of Bedford, Mr Gorges, Mr Henley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Arthur, Mr William Crane, Mr Drewry, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Spaldinge, Mr Naylor, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Bradley, Mr Holman, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hamond, Mr Lane, Mr Browne, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Culpeper

12/08/52 2 Whereas the Companie, beinge informed that my Lord Chief Justice St John is lately come into the Country and that his Lordshipp is at Whittlesea, have thought fitt and doe hereby order that a letter bee written and sent to his Lord to desire him to meete the Companie at Elie tomorrow at the signe of the Bell as followeth

May it please your Lord

The Earl of Bedford and many other of the Adventurers in the Great Levell beinge mett here by adjournement accordinge to order of the Company and understandinge that your Lord was at Whittlesea, have comanded mee without delay to send this expresse to your Lordshipp and thereby to signifie that the principall ende of there meetinge hereabouts was to satisfie themselves accordinglye to give order touchinge the speedy provision for carryng away the downfall of the south levell and perfectinge the workes to make it fitt for an adjudication, also touchinge the dreyne to be made through Marshland and servinge the north levell, but have since their cominge hither mett with the complaintt from the University and towne of Cambridge that their water carriages are raised 3d penny by reason of the prejudice to the navigation by the Companies dreyninge, which Sir Cornelius Vermuyden (with confidence) is ready to mainteyne to bee better and not worse by the dreyninge and that this is a designe of the watermen who duringe the tyme the workes were in hand and navigation hindered having raised the price doe still contynue it up to the wronge both of the Universitye and towne and esppecially of the Companie. And therefore the Companie have resolved to bee att the Signe of the Bell in Elie on Friday next before noone and upon the place have satisfaction to all reasonable opposers of the injustice of this complantt in reference to the Companie and have comanded mee, by the unanimous desire in the name of all of them, to desire your Lordships presence there (if your more weighty affayres will permitt) to affoord them your humble assistance in their great business now in hand, as you have byn pleased to doe formerly, and if that place should not suyte with your Lordships occasions that you would bee pleased to appointe some other where they may waite on your Lordshipp and to vouchsafe a word by this messenger which shall attend your Lordshipp leizure therein which is all given in comand to

My Lord - your Lordships most humble servant the clarke and servant of the Companie.

12/08/52 3 **[Page 255]** The Companie taking into consideration the great necessitye of the repaire of Waldersea bancke and findinge there hath byn great delay therein, the Companie doe order that a letter bee forthwith written and sent to Mr Burton by an expresse to send hither the contracte and direction formerly given for the doeing thereof as followeth viz -

Mr Burton

The Earle of Bedford and Companie beinge mett att Cambridge and enquireinge in the first place touchinge the repaire of Waldersea bancke, which is of so great a concernment and wholly neglected, contrary to their many expresse orders and beinge enformed that some contracts and directions touchinge the repayre of the same remaine in writinge in your handes, have sent an expresse desiringe that by the same messenger you forthwith send the same contracts and directions, unles your health will permitt you come along with the messenger and bring the said with you which is all I have in comande I rest.

12/08/52 4 Upon readinge the petition of James Gardynere, they thought fitt to retorne this answer viz -

The Companie are enformed that the pretended contract was touchinge backe floores in the south banke of the new Owse which was not in any sort warranted by any order of or warrant from the Companie, and yet the Companie have been so desirous to avoyd clamour that they have allowed one shillinge six pence the floore to those who wrought the backe floores though not there obleiged, and the petitioner might have had the same proportion which, if hee shall not thinke fitt to accept, the Companie leaves him to take what course hee shall bee advised.

Upon a paper or certificate delivered in together with the said petition, the Companie thought fitt to retorne this answer.

That the Companie have given their full answer touchinge this busines to the petition of James Gardener.

12/08/52 5 Ordered that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne and Mr Crane bee desired to wayte on the vice chancellor of Cambridge and acquaint him from the Companie that they, beinge informed that some workemen had taken occasion, by reason of the workes of dreyninge, to cause the price of water carriage from Lyn to Cambridge, upon pretense that the navigation is prejudiced thereby, whereas they are enformed that the navigation is bettered by the said workes and therefore have resolved to goe to Elie tomorrow and upon the place view and examyn the truth touching the said navigation and doe desire that some on behalfe of the university might bee there also present to satisfie the university therein. And Colonell Castill and Mr Spaldinge are desired also to attend the Mayor of Cambridge and acquainte him also therewith and to desire to have some there likewise present on behalfe of the corporation.

12/08/52 p.m 1 Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Earl of Bedford, Mr Hamond, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Bradley, Mr John Arthur, Mr Henne, Mr Naylor, Mr Hampton, Mr Culpeper, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr William Crane, Mr Spaldinge, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Lake, Mr Browne, Mr Holman

12/08/52 p.m 2 **[Page 256]** Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne and Mr Crane made report to the Companie that they had accordinge to the Companies order attended Doctor Hill, deputy vice chancellor (the vice chancellor not beinge in towne) and acquainted him with the Companies intentions and desire, and hee did on behalfe of the University retorne thanks to the Earle of Bedford and Companie for their care of the University but in regards the heades of the University are most out of towne and that the University had formerly cast themselves upon the care of the said Earle and his Companie of Adventurers, therein hee thought it not necessary to imploy any on the behalfe of the University thereabouts, yet if hereafter they should have any just cause

of complaintt thereabouts, they should apply themselves to Mr Sadler one of the heades of the said University to acquaint the said Earle and Companie therewith for reliefe upon whose honour and justice the University did much depend.

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| 12/08/52 p.m | 3 | Colonell Castell and Mr Spaldinge made like report that they had attended the Mayor who promised as soone as hee could to gett a meetinge of the aldermen and thereupon, to retorne answer to the Companie which hee feared hee should not be able to doe before tomorrow morninge. |
| 12/08/52 p.m | 4 | The Companie took into consideration the instructions of the 13 Aprill last, as also a perticular of the workes as yet to bee done on the north side of Bedford River. |
| 12/08/52 p.m | 5 | Whereas it was informed that the devision dike for 200 acres in Shivins next to Upwell was not yet done, it is ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden take a view of the same upon the place and give direction for the carryinge away the water to its outfall. |
| 12/08/52 p.m | 6 | Ordered that the dams in the 30 and 40 foote dreyne bee taken up and removed with all convenient speed, that Hamondes Eau bee perfected. That Pophams Eau bee viewed and considered upon the place. |
| 12/08/52 p.m | 7 | Upon the petition of Robery Tompson now read out the Companie they thinke fitt to retorne this answer.

That the petitioner must apply himselfe to Mr Kingscott who did imploy him to the intent hee may from him receive satisfaction. |
| 13/08/52 | 1 | Mr Culpeper, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hampson. Mr Castell, Mr John Arthur, Mr Crane, Mr Holman, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Naylor, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley, Mr Henley |
| 13/08/52 | 2 | The Companie doe adjourne to meete againe at the Signe of the Bell att Elie forthwith |
| 13/08/52 | 1 | Att the Signe of the Bell Elie

Earle of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Fountayen, Mr Gorges, Mr John Arthur, Mr Holman, Mr Culpeper, Mr Bradley, Mr Naylor, Mr Browne, Mr Crane, Mr Henley |
| 13/08/52 | 2 | [Page 257] The Companie doe agree forthwith to goe to Russell Hill and to take view of the dam and the navigation to Cambridge to the intent they may satisfie themselves therein.

The Companie doe advertise to meete again at the place aforesaid tomorrow morning by eight o clocke |
| 14/08/52 | 1 | At the Signe of the Bell Elie

Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Hampson, Mr Henley, Mr Naylor, Mr Gorges, Mr Bradley, Mr William Crane, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Arthur, Mr Browne, Mr Holman, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Drewry, Mr Edward Russell |
| 14/08/52 | 2 | Workes on north side of Bedford River

1 The Companie tooke into consideration in the first place what is fitt to bee done yet on the north side of Bedford River and in order there unto, read over the instructions |

of the 2nd August last. It is declared that the directions for the deviation dreyne was intended onely the 16 foote dreyne on the one side and the 12 foote dreyne on the other and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and the surveyour doe both declare the thinge is put out and in a manner finished. But it beinge enformed that there the under overseer, havinge had this perticularly in his charge and the same not done, it is ordered that unless hee attend the Company before they retorne to London, Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn the same and if hee findes upon exaymination there hath beyn any neglecte in this to stop his sallary untill it bee done or else turn him out of his place forthwith, and is if further ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to have an account from Ewer to know what is the reason that Pophams Eau dreyne hath layne so long in his hand and not yet done and to imploy Ringwood to have it speedily dispatched.

2 That Mr Moore the surveyour beinge now present does affirme that the highway from Whittlesey to Upwood Hards is lett out and in doinge but the Companie doe order a tonnell to bee layd on Bevills Leame where the highway crosses it that the passage of the water bee not stopt.

3 Touchinge a highway from Bevills Leame up to Ramsey, in regard the Companie doe finde that the highway from Whittlesey to Upwood beinge but halfe a myle about may serve for the present, doe desire 5 or more of the members of comptroll to give order eyther for goinge on therewith or the stop thereof as they shall thinke fitt.

4 That care bee taken that a suficient tonnell of 4 foote wide and two foote high bee layd upon the highway from Somersham to Chartris where the highway crosses the West Water and that the towne of Somersham and Chartris bee mynded by Mr Drewry for to gravell the same before winter, accordinge to theire agreement, and to wayt upon Mr Sergeannt Barnard to desire him that by some order of sessions, they may bee required to see the same performed, otherwise the Companie must proceede with an effectual prosecution of the indictment against the townes to have the old way sufficently made, and that any mans severall growndes that shall bee cut through in layinge the said tonnells and makinge the highway the superintendents are to take care to see satisfaction given them accordinge to the Acte of Parlimant and to take assurance from them.

[Page 258] 5 For the stops under March bridge and in March towne, in regard Sir Cornelius Vermuyden does affirme that the passage is sufficient already upon his view and that it will begett a great deale of unnecessary charge to the Companie, they desire 5 or more of the members of comptroll to deliver their opinions whether they thinke fitt to enjoyne the doinge of it or no.

6 Sir Cornelius Vermuyden affirms that that place of the northe bancke of Bedford River between Erith and Mepall is very little deficient but the Scotts are in hand repairinge of it, and other part thereof between Salters Loade and Welney Pinchbacke hath taken care thereof and it is in hand and doinge, and that that part thereof betweene both is sufficient, but as for any matter of foreland it can bee noe longer then it is from Erith the Welches dam on eyther side of the bancke unles Bedford River bee filled up which is not fitt to bee done.

7 Touchinge a new dike from Welches dam downwards the Companie upon view will determyn what to doe therein

8 Touching the sluice to bee sett downe at Guyhurne for plant water, in regard Sir Cornelius Vermuyden affirms it will be dangerous to the whole levell to set a sluice there, beinge soft and moorish grownd and a great weight of water will bee

constantly against it in tyme of floodes, and that the out toe will serve for small boates which is as much as that water will carry, and the Companie desire 5 or more of the comptroll to take into consideration whether it bee fitt to enjoyne the settinge downe of a sluice or not. Concerning the stoppes in dreynes, Mr Hamond doe affirme there is care taken therein as much as may bee but hee conceives that as well the Company of Adventurers as others ought to make dams over their dreynes to save charge of bridges, it is therefore ordered that Mr Hamond doe cause some trustee persons to goe over the growndes and remove all such stoppes in dreynes before the floode comes, and if they finde them done by any Adventurers or his tennants to give notice that they remove them at their owne charge and if they doe not, every Adventurer is to pay the charge of such removall, and the persons employed are to certifie the comptroller what the charge is that concerneth every perticular Adventurer.

9 Touchinge Car dike, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden does certifie it is made serviceable and nothinge more is fitt to bee done to it.

10 Touchinge Elme Leame, the members whome it was formerly recomended are desired to treat with the towne of Wisbech touchinge the same and send up an estimate of the charge.

11 Touching Waldersea bancke the Companie are resolved to take a view hereof upon the place and doe desire Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Hamond, Mr Drewry and Mr Burton to examyn why it hath byn neglected all this while, they conceiving there hath byn herein a great default.

12 Touchinge the scowringe out the Munckes Loade, it was enformed Humfrey Rowland did undertake it but not doinge it sufficiently some part of his money was stopt but hee hath since agreed to doe and finish it.

14/08/52	3	[Page 259] Touching the deepening of Clowes Crosse dreyne, accordinge to order of the 1st July last, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Hamond and Mr Drewry doe affirme that upon view it is deepened sufficiently to carry away the water of that levell and needeth not any more to bee deepened with which the Companie doe rest satisfied and take it to bee a full performance of the order.
14/08/52 p.m	1	Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Fountayne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr William Crane, Colonell Robert Castell, Mr Hampson, Mr Holtman, Mr Browne, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Latch, Mr Naylor, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Gorges, Mr Bradley, Mr John Arthur, Mr Drewry, Mr Henley
14/08/52 p.m	2	A letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden was read over this day touchinge the cutt through Marshland in answer to a letter from the Companie and, upon reading of the orders made therein, it is ordered that five or more of the members of comptroll bee desired to take the said letter into consideration and to certifie to the Companie whether they thinke fitt to enjoyne the doinge thereof.
14/08/52 p.m	3	Ordered that over Vermuydens Eau, the 30 and 40 foote dreyne bee made two horse bridges in the Comon Drane way att Puttockes drane and it leading to Copholder Bancke which are estimated by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to amounte to 10 or 12 poundes
14/08/52 p.m	4	The Companie tooke into consideration two navigable sluices that are to bee sett at Croyland and Guyhurne, whereupon it is ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Sir Edward Partherich and Mr Hamond bee desired to attend Colonell Walton and give

him satisfaction why the same cannot bee done or otherwise to give satisfaction to the Commissioners att theire next meetinge.

- 14/08/52 p.m 5 Ordered that Christian Derikson bee required forthwith to lay downe two tonnells in the 30 and 40 foote dreyne appointed to bee layed a yeare agoe, and if hee shall not doe the accordingly, it is further ordered that some other bee employed to make and sett downe the said tonnells without delay
- 14/08/52 p.m 6 The Companie entered into debate touchinge the effectuall progress of the workes on the south side of Bedford River as well as the north side.
- 14/08/52 p.m 7 A question was put and resolved that the workes on the south side of Bedford Riiver shall effectually bee proceeded in, yet not to interrupt or hinder the perfectinge of the workes on the north side of the Bedford river.
- 16/08/52 1 **[Page 260]** Att the Bell Inn Elie
- Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Hamond, Mr Fountayne, Mr Crane, Mr Robert Henley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Parsons, Mr Culpeper, Mr John Arthur, Mr Latch, Mr Bradley, Mr Maylor, Mr Browne, Mr Holman
- 16/08/52 2 Upon readinge of Sir Cornelius Vermuydens proposall or design for carryinge away the downfall of the southside of Bedford river, it is ordered that the same bee entered as followeth -
- South Levell
- Upper Levell 4 devisions in the River Grant
- 1 Between Botisham Loade north and high growndes, Cambridge south
2 Between Botisham Loade and Swaffham Loade
3 Between Swaffham Loade and Reach Loade
4 Between Reach Loade and Wicken high grownds
- £100 - To make a 12 foote dreyne from the south east of the Adventurers land in Botisham and carry it underneath Botisham Loade with a tonnell of 2 foote broade and 1 foot high from there to carry it along for the advantage of the Adventurer land under Swafham Loade with a tonnell 3 foote broade and 1 foot high there to Reach Loade and there have it outfall at the old sasse called Upware and the downfall between Reach Loade and Wicken high grownd to bee brought to the same outfall about 2000 rods at 12d a rod
- £100 - For tonnells and sasses
- Waterbeach by Gardentree
- 112 acres
- £50 - Between Grant and Owse to make some devision dikes about Waterbeach and Stretcham Fennes
- Willingham falls into the old Owse
- Over to goe by Willingham Mere and so into old Owse

- £25 - For Haddenham growndes to carry a dreyne below Awdrey bridge into old Owse hard grownd 18 d per rod a myle

The Levell betweene Soham and Mildenhall River

- £20 - For Fordey and Wicken high grownd to passe by Sandys cutt into the 8 foote dreyne upon the bancke of the same upon Grant of old Owse
- **[Page 261]** £160 - Soham Mere to passe by a new cutt through Soham borders to the devision dikes of great Metham and fall out about the points of old Owse about Prickwillow 6 myles 15 foote dreyne att 20d per rod
- £60 - A 12 foote dreyne between Hasse in Soham and Isleham Fen beginninge at the Adventurers land in the Hasse by Metham into the 15 foote dreyne about great Metham at 12d per rod for 4 myles

The Levell between Mildenhall and Brandon

- £300 - To fall out nere Littleport Chaire and goe up with a 12 foote dreyne between Whelpmore of the Adventurers and Littleport Comon Burnt Fenne to Elie Shell and from there between Mildenhall Burnt Fenne and Lakenheath bridge Fenne towards Swardley hardes with a double 12 foote dreyne and a highway betweene 10 myles 3 myles and 1/2 and 6 1/2 double 5000 rods at 12d per rod
- £50 and £50 for scowringe up Plant Load and makinge one dike upward towards Owndly and all out at the ende of the new highway called Verkins Hole

The Levell between Brandon and Stoake

- £200 - The scowringe of an olde dreyne about 20 foote from old Owse below Helgey where it fall out and goes up to Feltwell 2000r, 2s a road p guesse
- £100 - Between Feltwell dreyne and Brandon of 12 foote devision dreyne to Hockewold and Feltwell severall and all fall into Feltwell Dreyne upon Methwold Comon
- £50 - 1000 rods between Feltwell Dreyne and Methwold Brooke northward £50 to beinge the water between Stoake norwold and Methwold
- £70 - 900 rods on Northwold side and a tonnell under Metwold Brooke 2 broad and one foote high and fall into Feltwell dreyne upon Methwold Comon, for all
- £50 - The levell betweene Stoake and high grownd of Norsse Wereham Dereham and £50 and to fall out into Stoake below Helgey bridge

Southery and Helgey into old Owse

- £300 - Between new Owse and old Owse and betweene Downham in the Isle and Salters Lode indreyne and devision dikes
- £700 - Grunty Fen by Elie, Ashwellmore, Pymore Downham West Fenne Fennes about Coveney and downfall of high growndes at Downham and Westmore to fall out at Littleport Chaire and being at Grunty Fen 10 myles 3000 rods 18 foote dreyne through hard grownd and 3s per rod and a bridge to bee made

Estimate on the north side

- For workes in Thorney Levell when perfected - £300
- Banckes on south side of Moretons Leame about Horscroft - £75
- For Pophams Eaue - £150
- And the way from Hony Hardes - £52
- For cartbridge at the end next Well of the droveway that goes to Honey 20 foote wide in the arch - £30

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- For the two cart bridges between Dorrington and March on the 26 foote and 12 foote dreyne - £15
- For devision dikes - £150
- For a highway from Whittlesea to Upwood - £150
- For tonells dam and sluice att Neane by the 30 foote and 40 foote dreyne - £200
- For a tonnell under a way betwixt Somersham and Chartris - £10
- For a sasse at Hermitage - £150
- For the bridge over it - £5
- For the bridge at Hermitage over new Owse - £70
- For arreres on south banke of Owse - £250
- For repaire of north banks of the river - £100
- For Stow bridge - £70
- For Munkes Loade and Holme Dike - £20
- For two horse bridges on Puttocks Draine - £12
- For dikes to take in supplement of Adventurere Land where it waits - £200
- For land to pay for about Sutton and Denver - £100
- For takinge up daies through the levell - £50
- For Hamonds Eau - £26
- For Waldersey Bancke - £400

Total - £2585

Estimate for remaynder of in banckinge of the 4 rivers - £1000

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The Companie havinge taken into consideration the severall perticulars propounded and designed by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden for carryinge away the downfall from the south levell and an estimate of the charge and also the perticular workes to bee done upon the north levell and the estimate of the charge and the state of their money in the expnditors handes and the receivors, and what remaynes upon arreres and beinge this day mynded by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to proceede speedily with the workes for carryinge away the downfall of the said south levell this season of the yeare, beyond the expence of £2500, which was formerly ordered of the Companie, designed for imbankinge the rivers on the south levell untill the workes on the north side were finished, and upon full consideration of all perticulars in regard of the undertaking by the Acte of Parliament does enjoyne a proceedinge in the dreyninge the whole levell without cessation or intermission and that the north levell is already adjudged dreynd and the workes to bee done for repayres there are in hand and will not bee retarded by any workes on the south side but bee speedily finished and that the Companie since their first resolution not to exceede the expence of £2500 in the south levell this yeare have layd a tax of 15d an acre for dreyninge which they would not have byn done but in order to the workes on the south levell and beinge charged upon the Participants whole Adventurere land lyinge onely on the south they might have just cause of exception if the same bee employed to repaire high wayes and other thinges on the northside and not to such workes as may tend to the

completinge the whole worke, whereby to procure a finall adjudication, and for as much as the Companie conceive that the rivers in the south side beinge already for a great part imbanked and the reset sodainley to bee finished, there is a necessity to provide for leadinge away the downfall which would otherwise by [Page 263] reason of such imbankinge put the Country thereabouts in a worse condition then before, and enforce them to cut the bankes and the present setting upon those workes now in this dry season, and at the end of harvest when workemen are to bee had at a cheape rate will not onely ease the Companie in the charge but also give them the advantage of a winters experience thereby to amende any defects which may bee discovered, and the workes are of that nature as must bee done hereafter for the devision of the Adventure land from the Country and betweene the Adventurers themselves and may bee left of at any tyme though not fully finished without losse of the charge bestowed before, ad the charge proposed is so inconsiderable and the Companie, apprehendinge that the taxes in arrere already imposed beinge effectually levyed will together with their money in cash defray the charge of the workes in the north levell and also those on the south, doe therefore order that (notwithstandinge any former order) the said workes for the carryinge away the downefall on the said south levell bee speedily and effectually taken in hand and proceeded in but not thereby to interrupt or hinder the workes on the north side. And the agents for the Companie are not to engage to Companie in any workes on the south levell exeedinge £5000 includinge the £2500 formerly designed by the Companie for those workes

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| 16/08/52 | 4 | The Companie, resuminge the debate touchinge the necessity of the repaire on Waldersea bancke, it is ordered the Edmund Welsh doe forthwith repayre to Waldersea bancke and reside at Guyhurne (setting all other busines aside), perticularly to take into his care the speedy repayre thereof and not to depart from there untill the said bee effectually done, and to gett of many men as can bee possible to bee employed therein, and that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond or one of them meet constante upon that bancke to have the oversight thereof untill it be done |
| 16/08/52 | 5 | Whereas Sir Cornelius Vermuydens letter touching a cutt through Marshland was read over and, upon readinge the order of reference touchinge the same, the members of the comptroll, beinge present, thinke fitt to referre it backe to the Companie in regards that what is alledged in the said letter in point of law cannot take upon them to resolve |
| 16/08/52 | 6 | The members of comptroll, takinge into consideration the order of refference on 14 August instant touchinge the sluice to bee sett downe at Guyhurne for plant water or Bevills Leame in regard of the danger alledged by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, and the tyme of the yeare beinge past so that it cannot bee done before winter, cannot take any resolution therein to advice to doinge of it |
| 16/08/52 | 7 | The members of the comptroll, also takinge into consideration the order of refference touchinge a highway from Bevills Leame up to Ramsey, it is by them thought fitt not to give any order therein at present for the doinge of it. |
| 16/08/52 | 8 | The comptroll, also takinge into consideration the order or refference touchinge the stopps under March bridge and March towne in regard it was alledged by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden that it will bee very inconvenient for the Companie to take up March bridge which is mainteyned at the charge of the Country and the takinge up the gravells in March towne will bringe downe the water too fast into the lower levell, therefore they cannot advise the doinge thereof att this tyme. |
| 16/08/52 | 9 | Ordered that all contracts shall bee constantly sent to Mr Thomas Moore clarke of the contracts whose place of residence is to bee at Elie untill further order made by the |

16/08/52 p.m	1	[Page 264] Earl of Bedford, Mr John Russell, Mr Edward Russell, Mr Fountayne, Mr Culpeper, Mr John Arthur, Mr Holeman, Mr Drewry, Mr Naylor, Mr Browne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch, Mr Parsons, Mr Crane, Mr Bradley, Mr Gorges, Mr Robert Henley
16/08/52 p.m	2	Ordered that Mr Hamond and Mr Latch bee desired to examyn what is due to John Hatton, overseer of materialls, and to take account of the wheelebarrows and planks in his charge and to give order to paie what is due into him and they are desired to consider whether it bee fitt to contynue or discharge him, and it is left to them to imploy some other fitt person in his stead if they see cause
16/08/52 p.m	3	Ordered that none of the Adventurers shall pay any other tithes then what was paid before the first improvement and if any bee molested or said therefore, the defence shall bee made at the charge of the whole Companie
16/08/52 p.m	4	Ordered that Mr Hamond and Mr Latch (if they finde cause) are hereby authorised to imprest money upon contracts on the behalfe of the Companie.
16/08/52 p.m	5	Ordered that the expendor, notwithstandinge any former order of the Companie, may issue out warrants for dreyninge the southside not exceedinge £5000 including £2500 allready directed thereabouts. And all the Companie doe thinke fitt and order that the workes on the north side touchinge the cutt through Marshland, the sluice for plant water, the highway from Bevills Leame to Ramsey and the stoppes gravells and dams under March bridge and in March towne bee forborne untill the next springe and untill the Companie shall upon further consideration give further order touchinge the same.
16/08/52 p.m	6	A motion made for enlarginge Mr Hamonds sallary, it is ordered that the same bee taken into consideration at a full meetinge of the Companie at London.
16/08/52 p.m	7	Ordered that such severall formes of money as have byn received upon certificate of George Barnes, allowed by Mr Hamond, shall bee authoritye enough to Mr Latch to give warrant to the expendor for payment thereof.
16/08/52	1	Att Seeleys howse at Erith Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr William Crane, Mr Henley Jnr, Mr Drewry, Mr Bradley, Mr Parsons, Mr John Arthur, Mr Holman, Mr Naylor, Mr Browne, Mr Culpeper.
16/08/52	2	[Page 265] Ordered that care bee taken for speedy gravellinge of the bridge over old Bedford River att Mepall by the towne, and Mr Latch and Mr Drewry are desired to take it into their care and likewise for the finishinge such parts of the south banke as remayne unfinished.
16/08/52	3	Ordered that Mr Latch and Mr Drewry enquire out by what order the two howses, one at Sutton bridge and the other at Mepall, were sett downe.
16/08/52	4	Memorand that Mr Palmer deliver unto the clarke of contracts in his custody as well those unpaid for those paid.
16/08/52	5	Memorand to enquire what is become of the 3 wheeled carts and who is to give account of them, and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond to certifie the Companie.

17/08/52	1	Att Seeleys howse att Erith Mr Fountayne, Mr William Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Jnr, Mr Bradley, Mr Culpeper, Mr Parsons, Mr John Arthur, Mr Naylor, Mr Browne, Mr Holman.
17/08/52	2	The Companie adjourne to meete againe at the Signe of the Bull att Wisbech tomorrow morninge att 10 a clocke
18/08/52	1	Att the Signe of the Bull att Wisbech Mr Culpeper, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Parsons, Mr Naylor, Mr William Crane, Mr Drewry, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley, Mr Hamond, Mr Henry Henne, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Fountayne, Mr John Arthur, Mr Hampson, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Holeman
18/08/52	2	The Companie, havinge viewed the 12 foote dreyne lyinge within the wash on the south side of old Bedford River doe not thinke fitt to enjoyne the fillinge up of the said dreyne between Welshes dam, and nere Wellnea where it is moore, in regard it is conceived there will bee noe danger to the bancke by reason thereof but for the said dreyne downwards to Salters Lode where it is silt and dangerous to the said banke, the Companie doe order that the same bee filled up and this to bee done speedily and the waste places to bee first taken in hand, and also all other defectes in the said banke to bee forthwith repayred. And Mr Drewry is desired to take into his spetiall care that it may been done and give the Companie an account thereof.
18/08/52	3	[Page 266] The Companie, understandinge that Lord Chief Justice St John is att Whittlesea doe desire Mr Hamond and Mr Henley to wayte upon his Lordshipp and acquainte him with their proceedings since they came into the Country.
18/08/52	4	The Companie doe agree to goe downe this afternoone to the goates or two sluces at the end of the Sheyre dreyne next the sea and take a view thereof.
18/08/52	5	Memorand to take into consideration the sluice att the Horseshoe att a full meetinge of the Companie att London in regard many stones are stolen away.
18/08/52	6	Ordered that the members of the Companie resident on the workes bee desired to take into their care the 2 sluces att the end of the Sheire dreyne next the sea that the silt bee removed from the two doores before the next floode, the Companie havinge taken a view thereof this afternoone.
18/08/52	7	A letter from Mr Henley and Mr Trenchard read over touching some advice for the Waldersea Bancke and a sluice to bee sett att Guyhurne at the overtoe, the Companie thinke fitt to referred that parte of the letter touchinge Waldersea Bancke to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond to take such order therein as they shall thinke fitt.
19/08/52	1	Att the Bull at Wisbech Mr Crane, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Bradley, Mr Henry Henne, Mr Drewry, Mr John Arthur, Mr Holman, Mr Naylor, Mr Parsons, Mr Browne, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hampson, Mr Culpeper, Mr Henley Jnr
19/08/52	2	A petition of the towne of Wisbech, presented by Captain Harrison, Mr Huttchinson and Mr Hunston, who were authorised and deputed by the rest of the petitioners was

read over, whereupon it was thought fitt to retorne this answer

- That the Companie have allwaies had the towne of Wisbech in their eye to benefitt them in the dreyning and so shall contynue.
- That for this perticular, the Companie 2nd August did recomende to Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry to treat with the towne and send the Companie an estimate of the charge. And there is direction likewise to treat with the towne of March who is like to joyne. And Mr Thurloe and the towne of Wisbech, it is hoped will consent to some accomodation to them in refference to some of their comon now in question betweene them and Wisbech.
- That the Companie, 14th August, desired an account from their refferrees of the treaty to have settled some finall order in it, but their occasions have prevented the treatye till then, whereupon they ordered it to bee speedily proceeded in.
- **[Page 267]** That the Companie doe now order Mr Hamond, Mr Latch and Mr Drewry speedily to meete and treat with Captain Harrison, Mr Hunston and Mr Hutchinson on behalfe of the said townes touching the said leame and view the said leame and make an estimate of the charge and that noe delay may bee used touching the same, the season of the yeare beinge not fitt for doinge such workes, and therefore it is desired that they would appointe some tyme to meete before the 1st September next as may sute best with all their occasions.

19/08/52	1	At Waldersea Bancke Mr Bradley, Mr Culpeper, Mr Browne, Mr Parsons, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hollman, Mr hamond, Mr John Arthur, Mr Naylor, Mr William Crane, Mr Henry Henne, Mr hapson, Mr Henley Jnr
20/08/52	1	At the Signe of the Angell att Peterburgh Mr Fountayne, Mr henry Henne, Mr Hampson, Mr John Arthur, Mr William Crane, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, Mr Hamond, Mr Culpeper, Mr Drewry, Mr Naylor, Mr Hollman, Mr Parsons, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne
20/08/52	2	Ordered that all contractes, allready made on behalfe of the Company (except for dayes workes), which are not allready entred with the clark of the contracts shall bee entred with him within a weeke next after this order and all here after made within a weeke next after the makinge of the same, and the perticuler tymes of the makinge and when the workes are to begin and finished and where it is for spade worke to expresse the place so certainly as it may appeare where it is without further inquiry. And if any shall desire a pay, or the Companie or their agents shall bee required to make payment upon any such contracts not beinge entered as aforesaid, the comptroller hereby ordered forthwith to discharge every such officer makinge such contracte from further imployment and to stop his sallary from the tyme of makinge such contracte and Mr Tench is hereby required forthwith to give notice hereof to every person that hath power from the Companie to make contracts and to signifie to them that the clark of contracts is to bee resident at Elie untill by further order hee bee required to reside in any other certaine place of which they shall have notice.
20/08/52	3	[Page 268] The Companie doe order that Edmund Welsh, Jonas Moore, Anthony Ringwood and George Barnes or any one of them, and no other, by the direction and approbation of the superintendents or one of them accordinge to the Companies former instructions, bee impowered to make contracts for devision dikes and dreynes

and tonnells of a foote square or under and that Edmund Welsh and Anthony Ringwood bee contynued to make all contracts and doe and acte as Mr Burton was formerly to have done accordinge to the order of 22 May last

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| 20/08/52 | 4 | The Companie being enformed by Mr Hamond that Mr Burton since the order of 22 May last hath put out some workes which may bee questioned when they come to bee paid of in regard Mr Burtons power, thereby reason doe order in favour of the workemen, that is, the superintendent shall finde that the said workes were fitt to bee done and the contracts reasonable and the worke finished accordinge to contracte that upon their certificates thereof to the comptroller, hee shall give warrant to the expendor for payment of the same. |
| 20/08/52 | 5 | Ordered that the surveyours that were appointed by the superintendent and comptroller, accordinge to the order of the 4th May 1652, from the tyme of such appointment bee paid the sallaryes agreed upon by the said superintendents and comptrollers and that the comptroller is to issue out warrants for payment accordingly. |
| 20/08/52 | 6 | A question was put and resolved that the undersurveyours shall bee contynued in employment as undersurveyours. |
| 20/08/52 | 7 | Another question was put and resolved that it be referred to the superintendents and comptroller forthwith to discharge one of the undersurveyours which they shall thinke fitt and to contynue the other two till Michalmas next and noe longer untill further order. |
| 20/08/52 | 8 | Ordered that that part of the south bancke of Bedford River now yet unfinished bee finished before a flood comes and it is recomended to the care of Mr Drewry, one of the superintendents, to see the same effectually done. |
| 20/08/52 | 9 | Order in regard it is informed that Lawrence and Godfrey two under overseers did make certificate that severall parcells of worke was done on the south bancke of the river and mony earned thereby, more then it truly was, and the workemen havinge gotten the money have deserted the worke and left the same imperfecte, it is ordered that the superintendents or one of them, with the comptroller, bee desired to examyn the same and to take order that the Companie may bee righted therein or otherwise to make certificate thereof. |
| 20/08/52 | 10 | Ordered that Mr Latch the comptroller doe issue out warrant for the payment of six poundes to Edmund Welsh which was charged upon him by losse of issues for his not attendinge att the assizes, hee beinge necessitated to attend the service of the Companie. |
| 20/08/52 | 11 | [Page 269] Ordered that Mr Gorges and Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn who was in default for the non payment of the workemen on the 9th June last at Erith and whether there was any order or intymation for bringinge any more money then in truth was brought, and how much, and Mr Latch is desired to present who is to have notice hereof. |
| 20/08/52 | 12 | Whereas complaintt was made by severall persons of the Country for takinge tolls of them for their passage in severall places in and about the levell, to witt att Guyhurne nere Whittlesea on the north bancke of Moretons Leame, upon the bancke of Coldham and Waldersea betweene March and Wisbech and in the way nere Chartris from Somersham, the Companie beinge very unwillinge to put any charge upon the Country but rather desirous to give them ease, doe thinke fitt and order that none of |

theire officers or servants presume to take any tolls but suffer the Country people to passe freely at such seasons as they may passe without prejudice to theire banckes, as well at Guyhurne as upon the north bancke of Moretons Leame. And touchinge the toll nere Whittlsea which is taken by the Earle of Bedfords tennant, in regard to Companie is enformed that the way there is layd out in lieu of theire comon way which was taken away upon the Earl of Bedfords enclosure, it is ordered that Mr Fountayne bee desired to wayte on the Earle of Bedford and acquainte him with and desire his Lordshipps order for takeinge away the said toll. And touchinge the tolls at Coldham and Waldersea banckes, which heretofore tooke toll in regard of the charge of maynteyninge the banckes against the floodes, which charge is wholly taken away at the Companies charge, it is ordered that Mr Robert Henley Jnr bee desired to wayte on Mr Thurloe to desire his order for takeinge away the said toll. And touchinge the toll taken nere Chartris in the highway from Somersham, which was taken for a ferry in that place, and for mainteyninge that place passable when the water was dreyned up in regard the Companie have byn at charge to make that way passable and there is noe ferry, it is ordered that Mr Hampson bee desired to wayte on Mr Salway, Lord of the Manor at Chartris, and to desire his order and assistance for takeinge away to toll there and freeinge the Country of that charge which is now layd on the Country without any just cause. And it is ordered that Mr Browne the sollicitor for the Companie doe enforme himselfe who keepes the gate chayned up standing on the comon way betweene Somersham and Chartris and, in case it bee not reformed to cause the partie offendinge to be indicted and effectually prosecuted and punished for such offence.

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| 20/08/52 | 14 | Whereas Lieutenant Colonell Underwood, the expeditor, did this daie desire to deliver upon accoumpt to the Company and with all signified to the Companie that his imployment was of great charge and yet hee founde that it did not give the Companie satisfaction and therefore propounded that hee might fayrely parte with the imployment and have his accoumpts stated and his discharge. The Companie doe declare that they cannot take his accoumpt here in regard theire auditor is absent and doe therefore order that the accoumpt bee sent up to Mr Jessop theire auditor to London and the Companie will there, upon the consideration of the said accoumpt, take his proposition also into consideration and retorne his theire answer to the same. |
| 20/08/52 | 15 | [Page 270] Ordered that Mr Bradley, Mr Parsons, Mr Culpeper, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, or any two of them bee desired with all convenient speede to wayte upon my Lord Chief Justice St John and to lett his Lordshipp know that the Companie are willinge, as much as in them lyes, to give his Lordshipp satisfaction touchinge the cutt through Marshland, which Sir Cornelius Vermuyden lett out and estimated the charge of the cut to be £900 and the sluices to bee £450, are contented to raise the money by levyinge a 1/2 15d tax and deposite it in the hand of Sir Raph Hare knight and Gregory Gawsell Esqr, if they please to undertake the doinge of the said worke or otherwise furnish so much money for the doinge of the worke in such sort as they may not bee brought in question for cuttinge the Podike bancke in Marshland and to desire his Lordshipp direction therein that the Companie, upon theire meetinge at London, may take order touchinge the place. |
| 20/08/52 | 16 | <p>The names of such officers as are thought fitt to be employed besides the superintendants, comptroller, director, expeditor and receiver –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) John Hopkinson – clarke of the Companie 2) Jonas Moore surveyor 3) John Cooley (underserveyour of which two are to be contynued till March and one forthwith discharged) |

- 4) Josias Arlibont [as above]
- 5) William Palmer [as above]
- 6) Thomas Browne Solicitor to the Companie
- 7) Edmund Welsh[overseers]
- 8) Hugh Ringwood [overseers]
- 9) Jeffery Hawkins [overseers]
- 10) George Barnes [overseers]
- 11) Robert Pinchbacke overseer of materials and keeper of the sasse
- 12) Thomas Moore – clarke of the contracts
- 13) Arthur Tench - clarke to be comptroller who is to bee resident where the comptroller is
- 14 and 15) Two Scotch men messengers
- 16) John Watts keeper of the Sasse att Stanground
- 17) Henry Oliver keeper of the Clowe
- 18) Touchinge Richard Kendall, an overseer, it is referred to the meetinge at London to consider whether to appointe Mr Turner or the said Richard Kendall to looke to be banckes on the north part of the levell towards Croyland in regard the Companie apprehend that one man may doe that busines